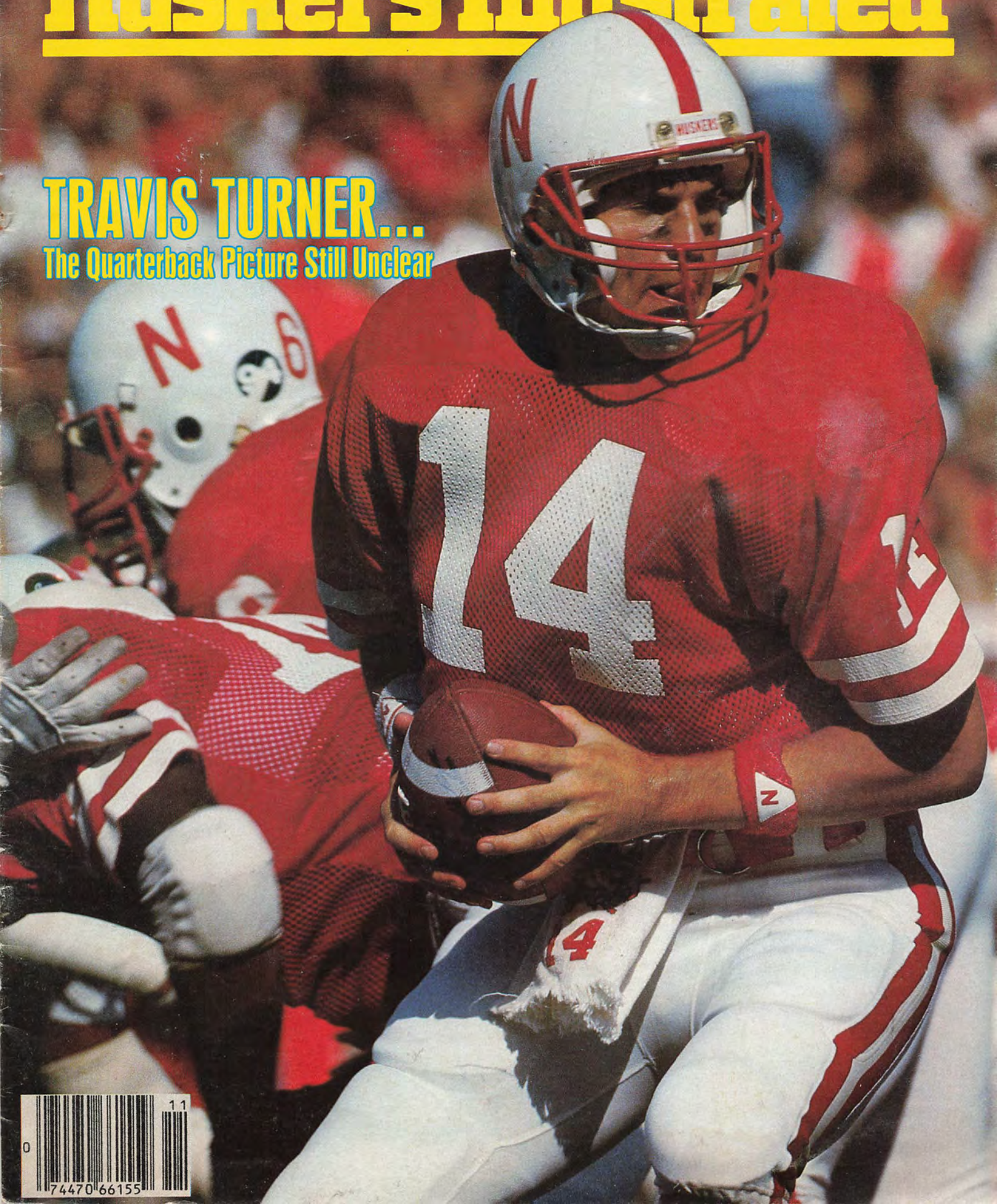


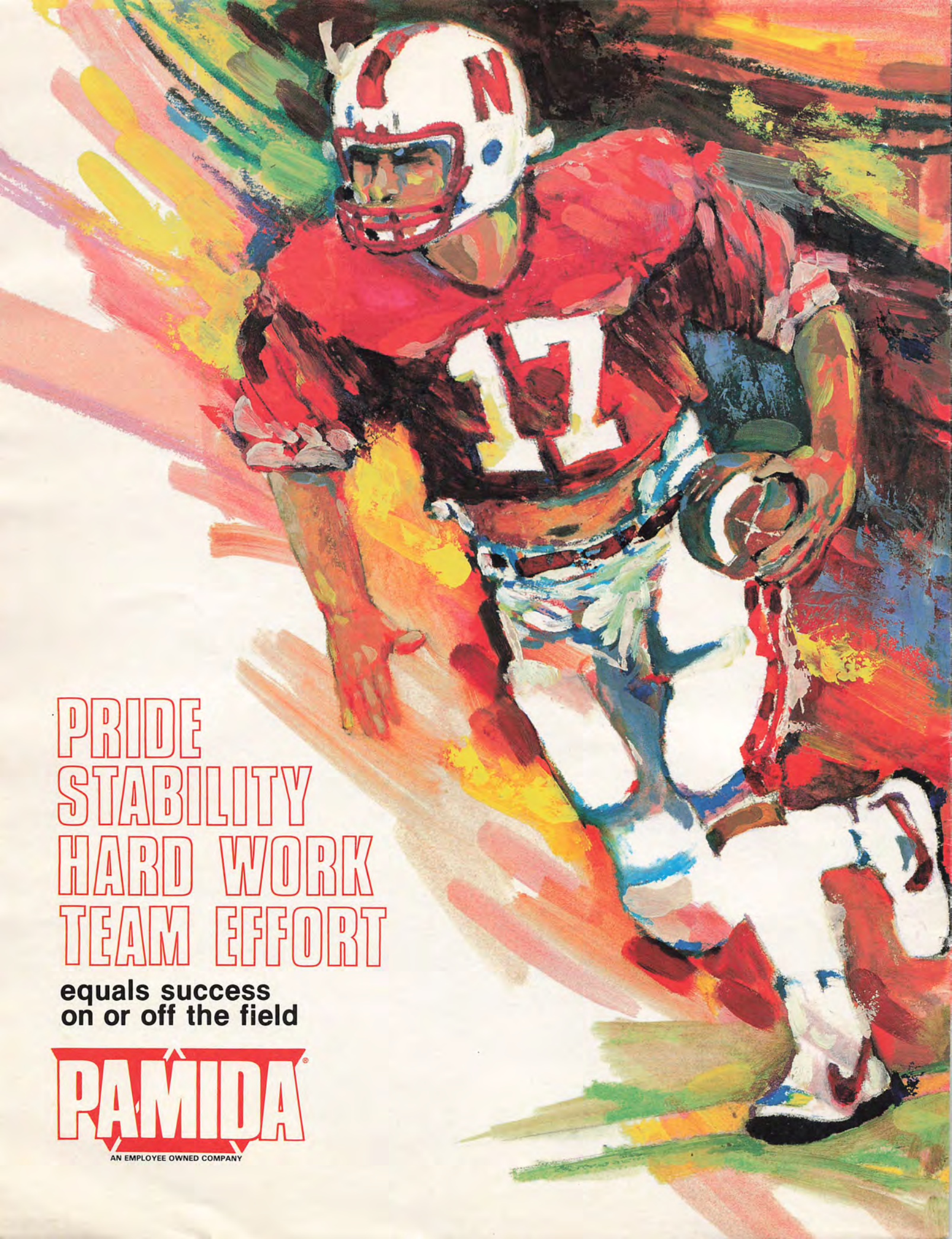
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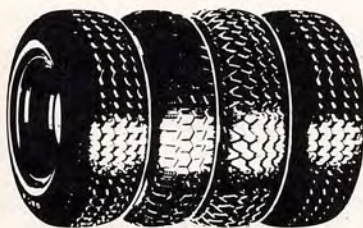


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Quotes 'n Notes

TOM RATHMAN (On his 84-yard run): "Basically, the play is supposed to break to the outside. We ran it once before and the guy got a shoe-string tackle on me. Otherwise, I think it would have gone for about 15 yards. There was only one guy I was worried about. I saw him at the 20, but I don't think they caught me until the 10 and I still made it. I don't know if I outran them, but I got into the end zone before they tackled me. I really hoped to score a touchdown. I guess I was really determined to get in the end zone when I cut back on the guy. You don't want to run 80 yards and get tackled at the 2-yard line. I gave a lot of effort to make it in the end zone."

QUARTERBACK TRAVIS TURNER: "I don't think two or three weeks ago, the way my head was, that I was ready to start a football game. But, I'm more confident now, I'm playing like the way I used to. I feel like myself again. I played some pathetic football early in the year. I was very generic, plain label, not very good. But I feel like myself again. I'm having fun. I've got my enthusiasm back into the game, and I feel like I'm playing the way I used to play. I'm just going to do whatever coach says. Just like this week, I'm going to go out, prepare the same way and have fun."

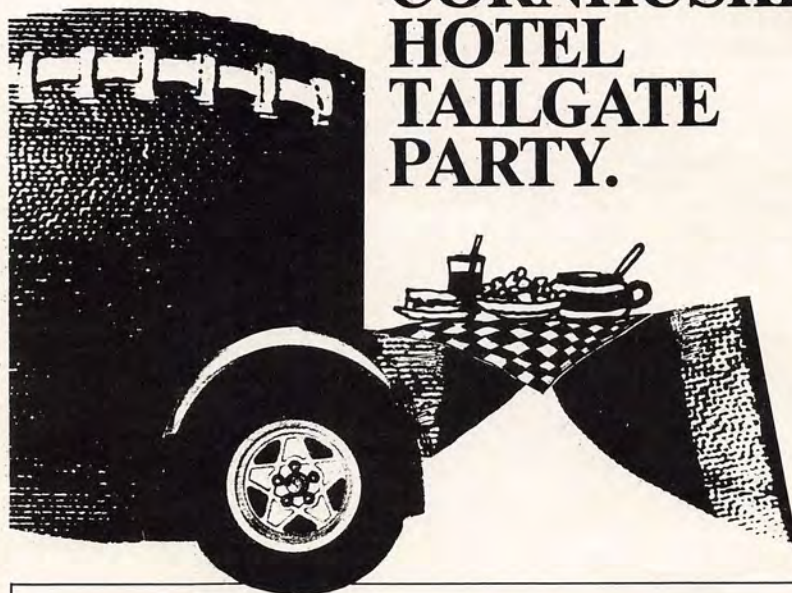
JIM SKOW (On his fumble play in the first quarter): "I got in there right when he (quarterback Rick Wheeler) got the ball about halfway to the fullback. I jumped in the gap. I slanted right. I knew where the mesh point was going to be and stuck my head right in there. The ball bounced down right at my feet. It was kind of a mad scramble. Mike Knox was trying to take it away from me. I told him 'I'm not for Colorado.'"

LINEBACKER MARC MUNFORD: "We hadn't seen two tight ends a lot. We had a monsterback on one side of the field. We just moved him to the other side. It worked real good. In the beginning, they moved the ball and scored on us. After the score, we made some adjustments and pretty much shut them down. You can't do much better than that."

DALE KLEIN: "I was a little disappointed. I was 0-2 in the game, so I said I better get the next one. I got another shot at it, which was nice. It was a little shorter so the wind wasn't really going to play with it. I just put it straight through and said 'yeah, it's about time I finally made one in this stadium.'"

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GREGG REEVES: "I've never been so sore after a game in all my life. I'm just happy that we hung together. We were getting the monster on the wrong side of the field. Once we got the monster squared up, to come up and play the alley for the quarterback, everything was fine. When we looked at them on film, they had big splits in their line. But they came out today with the splits tighter." ♦

freshman football

Quarterback Steve Taylor and his Cornhusker freshman football teammates ran their season mark to 4-0 by thrashing the William Jewell JV 48-0 in Lincoln last Friday.

Taylor hit four of six passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns, including a 73-yard bomb to wingback Richard Bell, and ran for 62 yards on five carries and another score, while I-Back Tyreese Knox rambled for 175 yards on just 11 carries to lead the Husker offense that rolled to a 649-126 yard advantage in total offense.

Cornerback Charles Fryar, who earlier in the game had a 94-yard kickoff return touchdown wiped out by a penalty, returned a punt 73 yards to score—despite a cramp in his leg that forced him to limp the final 20 yards.

Linebacker Brad Ferguson led the freshman defense, which held the Cardinals to just 59 yards rushing, by making six tackles.

The Freshmen wrap up their season in two weeks when they host Ellsworth Junior College on Nov. 8.

scoring summary

Nebraska 13 14 21 0 — 48
William Jewell .. 0 0 0 0 — 0

First Quarter

NU — Ken Clark 11-yard run (Chris Johnson kick)

NU — Steve Taylor 6-yard run (pass failed)

Second Quarter

NU — Sam Schmidt 6-yard run (kick failed)

NU — Tyreese Knox 70-yard run (Mike Preston pass to Russ Luben)

Third Quarter

NU — Richard Bell 73 yard pass from Taylor (Johnson kick)

NU — Charles Fryar 73-yard punt return (Dave Payne kick)

NU — Chad Stoner 3-yard pass from Taylor (Payne kick)

Fourth Quarter

No scoring ♦

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Scoring Summary

NEBRASKA 17, COLORADO 7

Nebraska 0 7 7 3 — 17
Colorado 7 0 0 0 — 7

First Quarter

0-7 — The Colorado wishbone attack piled up over half of their total yards in the first quarter, rolling up 118 yards. Quarterback Rick Wheeler moved the Buffs towards the Huskers' goal line by rushing for 38 yards in the quarter, but injured his knee late in the drive and did not return. Senior Craig Keenan took over and completed the march, scoring on a two-yard sneak. Time Left: 4:05. Drive: 10 plays, 70 yards, 4:11.

Second Quarter

7-7 — Quarterback Travis Turner came off the bench to spark the Huskers to tie the game late in the first half. Turner his wingback Von Sheppard for a gain of 31

yards to put Nebraska deep in Colorado territory. I-Back Doug DuBose scored on a one-yard run to tie the game at the half. Time Left: 5:39. Drive: 13 plays, 80 yards, 5:37.

Third Quarter

14-7 — Fullback Tom Rathman came up with the big play to put the Huskers ahead for good. With the Huskers taking over after a CU punt, Rathman took the ball on a trap play and bounced outside to rumble 84 yards for a touchdown. Time Left: :23. Drive: one play, 84 yards, :14.

Fourth Quarter

17-7 — Kicker Dale Klein gave the Huskers some breathing room midway through the fourth quarter by hitting a 32-yard field goal. Klein had early missed from 46 and 42 yards. Sheppard again

played a big part in the scoring drive by picking up 18 yards on the double reverse. Time Left: 9:34. Drive: seven plays, 49 yards, 3:10. ♦

On The Cover...

Travis Turner started the season at quarterback, but was replaced by McCathorn Clayton when the offense sputtered. Now it's Turner again, as the two Huskers are taking turns picking up each other.

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Game Report

Huskers Come Back To Outlast Buffs

Lincoln — With nearly 25 minutes gone in what turned out to be a legitimate Big Eight Conference showdown, another Memorial Stadium full house had become convinced that this was, indeed, a much different Colorado from the one they had seen in recent years.

This was not an 0-11 or 1-10 Boulder Blunder. The 1985 Buffs had more than the wishbone going for them. Colorado came to Lincoln really thinking it was going to win. Even without starting quarterback Mark Hatcher.

When Travis Turner finally came on to direct Nebraska's offense with just over 10 minutes left in the first half, it appeared the Buffs might not be overly optimistic. They held a 7-0 lead and the Husker offense was having problems against an underrated CU defense.

Turner, who started the season opener for Nebraska before giving way to the quicker McCathorn Clayton, showed the value of experience. He directed his mates on an 80-yard drive in 13 plays that gave NU a 7-7 deadlock at intermission.

Then, with time running out in the third period, it was fullback Tom Rathman who responded to the challenge. Getting some great blocking up front, Rathman went off tackle on a trap play, quickly cut outside and outran the stunned Colorado secondary for an 84-yard touchdown that proved good enough in a hard-fought 17-7 victory.

The Cornhuskers added a 32-yard field goal with 9:34 left in the contest for the final margin, and relied on the Blackshirt defense to effectively bottle up the Buffs' wishbone attack.

After those early problems on offense, NU got things together and finished with 21 first downs and 332 yards rushing. Although completing only 5 of 15 passes, the Huskers still managed 113 yards in the air — 97 of those from Turner's arm.

Rathman's TD burst gave him 115 yards on the day, but once again it was I-back Doug DuBose who topped the rushing charts with 125 yards in 26 tries. DuBose scored the first Nebraska TD on a one-yard run with only 5:39 left in the first half. Dale Klein hit the three-pointer, although he missed twice earlier to end his string of nine straight field goals.

Nebraska, which upped its league record to 3-0 (6-1 overall), welcomed back linebacker Marc Munford, who was in on nine tackles, seven of them unassisted. Munford had been out with knee problems. Jim Skow also had nine tackles as the Huskers held Colorado to 151 yards rushing, less than half their average.

But the real turnaround was Rathman's run after Colorado had seemingly pinned NU in a deep hole late in the third quarter. The Buffs, who had won their first two Big Eight games, fell to 5-2 overall, the only other loss being to Ohio State. ♦

The Huskers were happy to have linebacker Marc Munford (41) back in action Saturday (top, pg. 8), and Tom Rathman (26) may not have gotten the ball from Travis Turner (14) on this play, but he stunned Colorado with an 84-yarder for the winner.

Von Sheppard continued to be a big play man with an 18-yard run and 31-yard pass reception (top, pg. 9), while one of the big keys this year has been a rebuilt offensive line featuring the likes of Tom Banderas (87), Mark Cooper (54), Tom Welter (69), Stan Parker (74) and friends.

Statistics

TEAM STATISTICS

	GAME		SEASON	
	NU	CU	NU	OPP
First downs	21	14	151	118
First downs rushing	15	9	115	47
First downs passing	5	4	32	64
First downs penalty	1	1	4	7
Rushing attempts	60	47	447	266
Yards gained rushing	360	163	2748	1022
Yards lost rushing	28	12	203	279
Net yards rushing	332	151	2545	743
Net yards passing	113	67	766	1399
Passes attempted	15	12	97	229
Passes completed	5	7	38	119
Interceptions by	0	1	16	5
Int. return yards	0	0	275	26
Total plays	75	59	544	495
Total yards	445	218	3311	2142
Avg. gain/play	5.9	3.7	6.1	4.3
Punts-yards	5-214	8-404	31-1289	52-2177
Avg. per punt	42.5	50.5	41.6	41.9
Punts ret.-yards	3-27	2-9	21-146	11-69
Kickoff ret.-yards	1-43	3-50	12-329	36-657
Punts blocked	0	0	0	0
Fumbles-fumbles lost	3-1	4-3	25-11	22-13
Penalties-yards	5-30	5-40	37-296	35-270
Possession time	31:48	28:12	227:56	191:44
3rd down conversions	5-13	3-13	41-107	29-109
Sacks-yards	1-6	0-0	30-219	10-65

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NEBRASKA

Rushing: DuBose 26-125 1TD; Rathman 11-115 1TD; Miles 13-70; Sheppard 1-18; Turner 5-12; Lindstrom 1-6; Kaelin 1-3; R. Schnitzler 1-3; Clayton 1-14.

Passing: Turner 4-10-197; Clayton 1-5-0 16.

Receiving: R. Schnitzler 2-53; Sheppard 1-31; Rathman 1-16; R. Smith 1-13.

Punting: Wingard 5-42.8.

Punt Returns: R. Schnitzler 3-27.

Kickoff Returns: DuBose 1-43.

Field Goals: Klein 1-3 (32).

Defense: Skow 9(8-1); Munford 9(7-2); Knox 7(2-5); Reeves 7(5-2); Noonan 5(3-2); Tucker 5(5-0); Parsons 5(4-1); Spachman 4(3-1); Davis 4(4-0); Daffer 3(1-2); Carl 3(3-0); Washington 2(1-1); Carr 2(2-0); Proffitt 1(1-0); Seibler 1(0-1).

Tackles for Loss: Skow 1-6; Noonan 1-6; Munford 1-3.

Sacks: Noonan 1-6.

Fumble Recoveries: Skow, Knox, Munford.

Passes Broken Up: Reeves, Knox, Carr.

COLORADO

Rushing: Wheeler 5-38; McCarty 8-33; S. Smith 4-23; Brown 5-16; Keenan 14-16 1TD; Weatherspoon 6-15; Marquez 4-10; Ferrando 1-0.

Passing: Keenan 6-11-0 55; Wheeler 1-1-0 12.

Receiving: Embree 3-34; Collins 1-14; Alexander 1-12; S. Smith 1-5; Sanders 1-2.

Punting: Helton 8-50.5

Punt Returns: Collins 2-9.

Kickoff Returns: Alexander 2-43; Marquez 1-7.

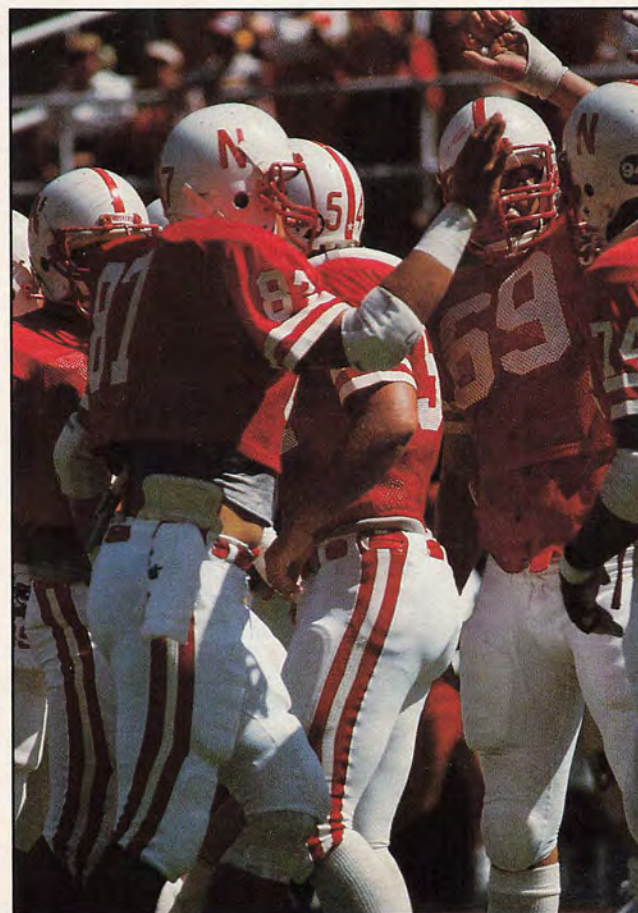
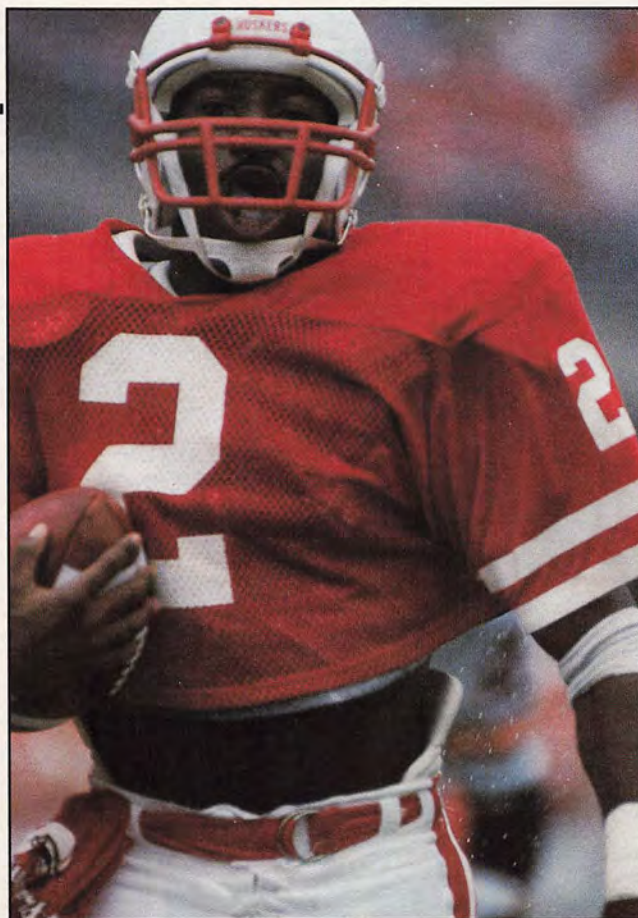
Defense: Fairbanks 8(7-1); Remington 8(5-3); DeLuzio 8(5-3); Rogers 8(6-2); Koch 7(3-4); Rappold 6(6-0); McMillen 6(5-1); C. Smith 5(3-2); Wilcots 4(3-1); Pickens 4(3-1); Reinhardt 3(1-2); Schubeck 3(3-0); Tate 3(3-0); Bennett 2(1-1); Pruitt 2(1-1); Pauline 1(1-0); Strecker 1(1-0).

Tackles for Losses: Rappold 1-4; Reinhardt 1-4; Tate 1-3; McMillen 1-2; Koch 1-1.

Fumble Recoveries: Rogers 1.

Interceptions: Strecker 1-0.

Passes Broken Up: Remington, Tate, Pruitt one each.



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Husker Trivia

Questions:

1. Which year did Nebraska earn the No. 1 ranking three times? (a) 1971, (b) 1983, (c) 1984, (d) 1970.

2. The last time Kansas State beat Nebraska, what war was the United States involved in? (a) World War II, (b) Spanish American War, (c) Civil War, (d) Vietnam War.

3. The last time Nebraska played at Kansas State the Huskers had the highest scoring team in modern NCAA history. Who scored the first points of that game in 1983? (a) Mike Rozier, (b) Turner Gill, (c) Irving Fryar, (d) Mark Schellen.

4. How did he score? (a) running for a touchdown, (b) catching a touchdown pass, (c) returning a punt, (d) being tackled in the endzone for a safety.

5. Last year the Kansas State team was stopped for 53 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns. Who stopped the Wildcats first? (a) Nebraska defense, (b) Nebraska State Patrol, (c) Kansas State offense, (d) Kansas State defense.

6. Kansas State University's offensive line coach John Faiman, a Nebraska graduate, was a coach at Omaha South for seven years. Who did he begin his collegiate coaching under? (a) Jim Dickey, (b) Warren Powers, (c) Gerry Faust, (d) Tom Osborne.

7. Kansas State has been called the most consistently poor football team in the country. Which of the following teams do the Wildcats have winning records over? (a) Arkansas, (b) Air Force, (c) South Dakota, (d) New Mexico.

8. The last Wildcat football coach to leave Kansas State University with a winning coaching record was in what year? (a) 1974, (b) 1954, (c) 1934, (d) 1914.

9. After Lynn Dickey, he is K-State's second-leading all-time passer and total offense leader? (a) Jim Dickey, (b) Darrell Dickey, (c) Dicky Tracy, (d) Dicky Thon.

10. He was Nebraska's first All-American football player. (a) Guy Chamberlin, (b) Ed Weir, (c) Vic Halligan, (d) Sam Francis.

DID YOU KNOW: That the game for which Jim Dickey was fired from the head coaching position of the Wildcats was the loss to Northern Iowa, which was also labeled as "Career Day" in Manhattan, Kansas? The only bowl game the Wildcats ever played in — the 1982 Independence Bowl — they lost to Wisconsin and the leading Kansas State rusher in that game was Masi Taluao? The Green Bay Packers' quarterback Lynn Dickey and tight end Paul Coffman are both K-State grads? Nebraska was unbeaten in the first 14 games of the series with KSU that dates back to

1911? Kansas State has a losing record with Creighton and Marquette? The highest Nebraska score in the history of the series was last year's 62-14 victory?

ANSWERS:

1C, 2D, 3A, 4D, 5B (team bus was ticketed for speeding), 6B, 7ABC, 8C, 9B, 10C. ♦

Notes 'n Quotes

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off to Yale?

Scott Strasburger, who completed his Husker football career last fall, was named a Big Eight Conference post-graduate scholarship winner. He's expected to use the \$2,000 scholarship to pursue a medical degree at Yale.

Strasburger carried a 3.856 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) in earning a bachelor's degree in life sciences. He was an All-Conference defensive end for Nebraska Sugar Bowl champions, as well as an Academic All-American. ♦



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Ursula Walsh is on the threshold of a new life.

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"This hasn't been just my work here at Nebraska. It's been my life," said Walsh, who will leave Nebraska Nov. 1 to become the director of research for the National Collegiate Athletic Association in Kansas City.

"Working 8-to-5 frightens me a little. I will have two research assistants and a secretary at the NCAA and I think I'm just going to spend my days firing off memos. I have a phantasm of that — memos flying everywhere," she said with an impish smile. "But it's going to be an adjustment.

"There is a good deal of freedom in this position here. You do spend a lot of hours, but if you want to take an afternoon off, you can do that, too. Business is much more rigidly structured than university life.

"I've never been out of education. I've always been involved with all kinds of people in a school setting. Now I'll be involved with people my own age — exclusively. But in a way, it's still involved with schools because that's the membership."

Walsh is taking her considerable skills to her new job, and Nebraska's loss is the NCAA's gain.

Walsh succeeded Tom Osborne as academic counselor nearly 14 years ago and during her tenure, 21 Nebraska football players have earned Academic All-America honors and 87 were named to All-Big Eight academic teams, more than twice as many as any other school.

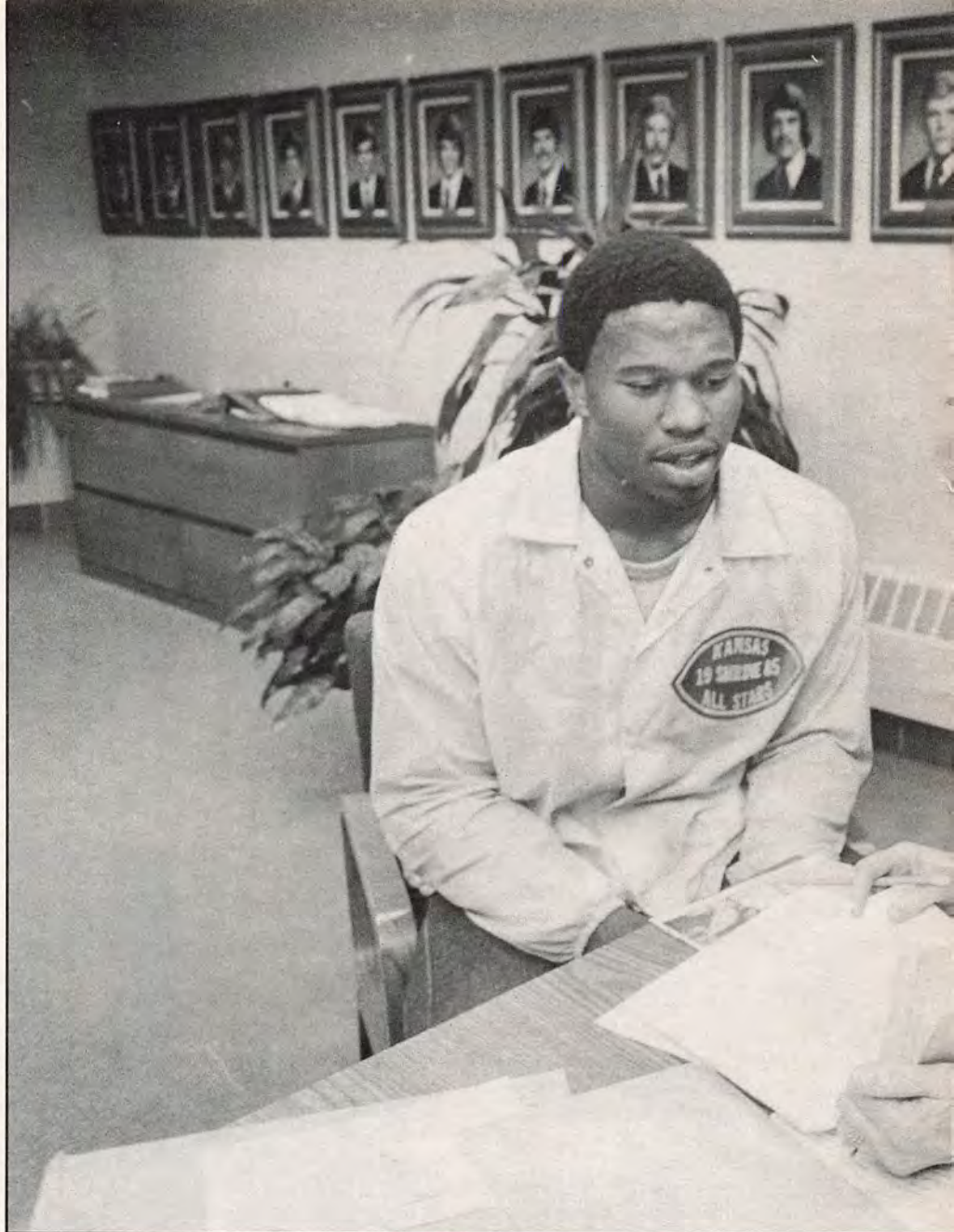
She has also worked with 14 recipients of NCAA post-graduate scholarships and four recipients of scholar-athlete post-graduate scholarships from the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame.

Her modesty prevails when superlatives about her successes with the Husker athletic department are related.

"It doesn't seem to me that it should be unusual or unique in any way. Philosophically, it seems to me that we always have looked at student-athlete as one word," she said. "It's hard for me to think in any other category.

"I don't know that it's so much me being responsible (for NU's academic success) than it is just Nebraska. When the coaches start recruiting, they start talking academics right away. So if someone is not interested in academics, he probably sorts himself out before the recruiting trip."

Walsh said Nebraska has some other built-in advantages.



"This isn't a big party town, so if you are into the party life, you're going to choose somewhere else. We are a stable, conservative organization and a player is probably going to have those kinds of inclinations if he chooses us.

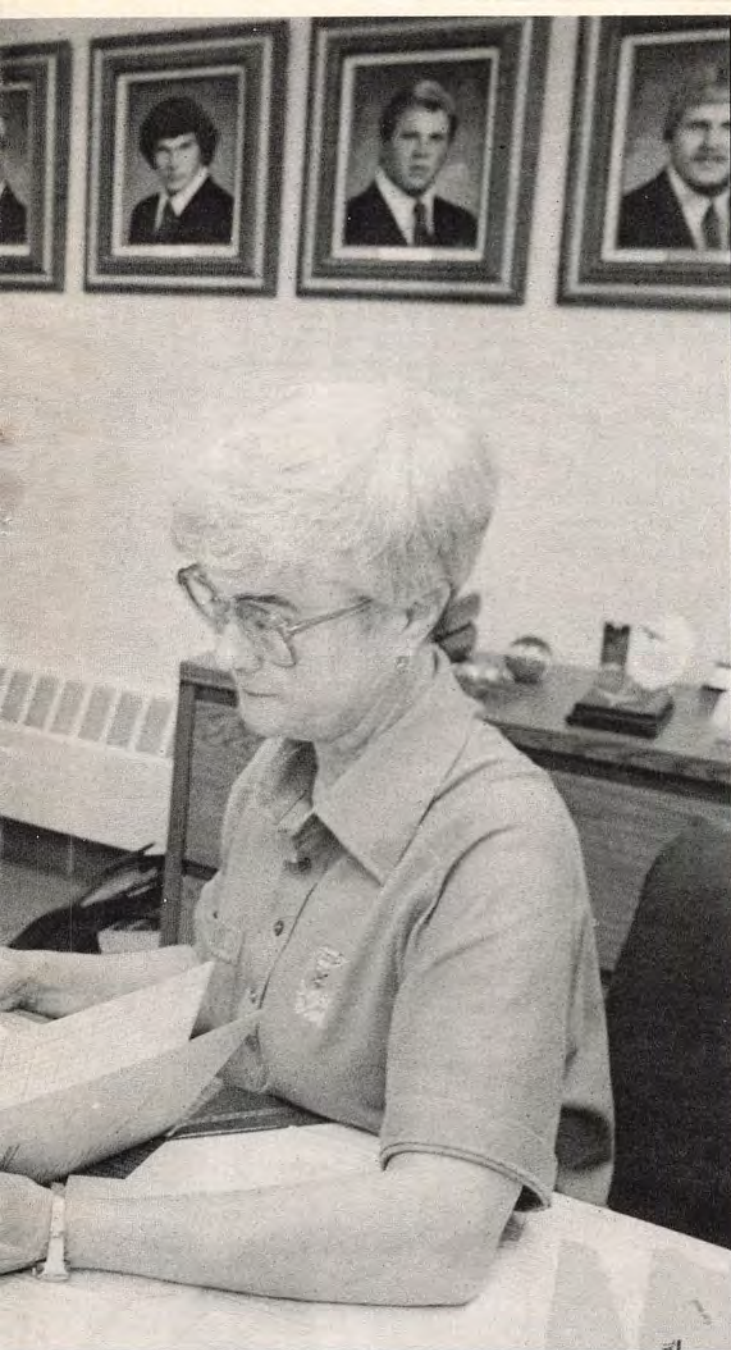
"This is a theory of mine which has no data to support it. I believe that people choose a head coach as much as they do a program. And they choose a head coach who is something like them. So we have a big advantage there."

Walsh, who has a Ph.D. in statistics and measurement, has built the Nebraska academic program "up to one that's much-emulated and admired around the country," according to Osborne. She was once

described as "the Bear Bryant of academic counselors" by a newspaper in Texas.

"I think my colleagues have always looked at me with a lot of envy because Tom was the academic counselor before me," Walsh said. "Tom spoke to our national organization once and they have never forgotten. They say 'You're at Nebraska, so you don't have any problems.' I tell them that I do, but they think I have it perfect here.

"And I think that's true, to some degree. Nebraska is probably in a class by itself as far as academic counseling is concerned. I've had interns here who have then gone someplace else. And I tell them not to expect to find a program like this in other



Ursula Walsh provides a little guidance for Cleo Rice — with portraits of NU's academic all-stars dominating the background.

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places. This is unique.”

The implied, if not real, authority she has is the biggest difference between Nebraska and other programs.

“If a student has to take a class during practice time and it’s only offered one day, then I can tell Tom that it has to be done. He’ll say if there is no other way, then that’s it,” Walsh said. “That just couldn’t happen other places if the person was important to the team. At many schools, the player would either change majors or do whatever he had to to be in practice.

“And I meet with the coaches every Thursday morning. If I need something done with a player, it’s done. And I tell the players ‘I’m going to tell on you.’ They’ll

beg me not to tell, so I’ll give them a little extra time but if it’s not corrected, I’ll tell. And if it comes to that, he will not play. Tom tells them that.

“I remember an offensive lineman here who was quite important to our effort. He was supposed to study in my office at nine o’clock every morning but he was getting later and later. One morning at 10 o’clock, I went to Tom and told him the player wasn’t getting in to study like he was supposed to.

“He told me to call him when the player arrived. He came to study hall when the player arrived and said ‘Look, you either study in the morning or you study during practice. And if you don’t practice, you

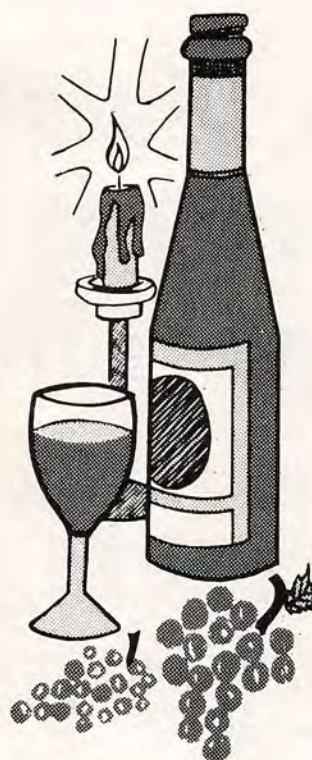
don’t play.’ That took care of it. From then on the player was on time.”

There is just one thing Walsh regrets not accomplishing at Nebraska — 100 percent graduation. The Husker football program has a graduation rate of 86 percent. Walsh said while she doesn’t have the latest figures for the entire athletic department, it is higher.

“The sports with no professional opportunities have a higher rate. The prospect of a pro career is the most damaging factor, or alienating or whatever word you’d like to say, on graduation.

“I really think our new legislation, with respect to football, is going to be an effective deterrent to not graduating. The

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player has to pass 30 hours a year and if he doesn't pass them during the year, he has to stay for summer school. If he does that, he will have few hours left for the senior fall semester, based on a redshirt year, and definitely will be graduated by the end of the fall season. So I'm hoping before all those distractions take place, the player will be through."

Walsh may be unsatisfied by the 86 percent figure (and better for the whole department), but many university athletic departments would be overjoyed to show the same figures. A recent *Sports Illustrated* story detailed the problems faced by the North Carolina university systems' Board of Governors.

A special committee on athletics determined that only 23 percent of all athletes on full scholarship at NC State and 48 percent at North Carolina graduate.

Most football players don't like the stereotype of the "dumb athlete" and are insulted by that kind of attitude, according to Walsh.

"If you encourage someone to take easy courses or do less than he could do, that would be personally insulting," she said. "There are basically four kinds of people — motivated and unmotivated and within that skilled and unskilled.

"Motivated-skilled certainly are self-starters. There's very little you have to do except point out what their curriculum includes.

"Then you have motivated-unskilled. They aren't really too bad a problem. If you say 'This will be good for you and we'll get you some help with that if you need it,' well, they're going to go after it.

"Unmotivated-skilled are the ones who give you the bad reputation. Because they do as little as possible — they want to take the easiest courses that they can find and they know they can get through with a minimum of effort because they have good skills. Those are the ones who you really push and watch all the time, tell the coaches on them and just keep at 'em.

Unmotivated-unskilled — thank goodness we don't have very many of those. Those people have been taught over the years that they either can't do it or it's not going to be worth the effort. You try to scour the campus for the best teachers you can find and hope some spark will ignite them and they will find out that indeed, perhaps, it is worth it."

Walsh is most proud of the Hewitt Center — the new study-dining hall for Nebraska's male athletes. That fact caused Walsh concern when some public officials objected to the men getting a \$1 million facility while the women athletes didn't have comparable facilities.

"I was dismayed at the reaction, because we really couldn't question the values of the people who gave us the money," she said. "But it probably was a positive thing.

I would like to see us as more of one department (academic counseling) because I think we would be more efficient. But I don't have the final say and there might be quite a bit of resistance to it.

"But this place is a dream come true. It's really wonderful in here. I planned that it would be like a big library reading room. When the architects came, they had all these little boxes — a little box for me to sit in and a little box for the computers and all these little rooms.

I wanted it to be big and open and to be a place where they would feel at home and feel they are respected."

The one aspect of the job Walsh won't miss is the weekends of recruits coming in.

"Although I dread those weekends, when they come, it's exciting. You get to meet new people and get energized from it," she said.

"I had never gone to a Nebraska athletic event before I got this job. But now, I try to go to all the things the men are involved in. I had never been to a wrestling match in my life. When I finally went, I sat next to Mike Knox (Husker linebacker who also wrestled for NU two years ago) and he explained to me about the scoring. From then on, I could appreciate it.

"But the whole difference is knowing the participants. I wouldn't enjoy sports unless I knew someone involved. I probably won't be going to too many athletic events when I get to Kansas City."

Walsh has missed out on some things during her 13 years at Nebraska.

"I would like to go to the symphony orchestra. I bought tickets one year, but it was on Tuesday nights and I couldn't get out of study hall," she said. "If I'm here at the study table, it shows the players that I think it's important. And I get to know them because I see them. If you get to know them as freshmen, you've really got 'em for the next four years.

"That is an important part of this job. It makes for some long days, but I must get a lot of satisfaction from it or I wouldn't have done it all this time," she said. "So I'm sure my needs are filled by it, to a great degree. There is a feeling of accomplishment and a feeling of being important. I am going to have to face that in this transition.

"Because my identity is here."

The decision to leave Nebraska didn't come easily, Walsh said, but the time had come to make a change.

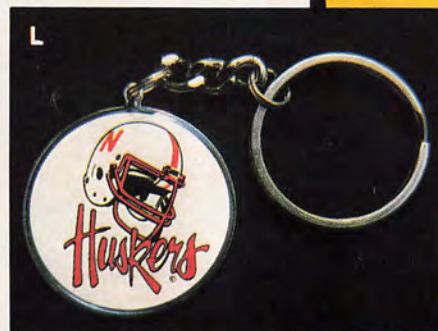
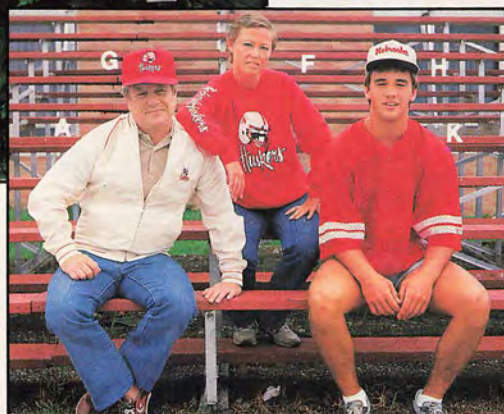
"I have thought that I am 53 years old and how long am I going to be effective at this and how long am I going to want to do that," she said. "When I turned 50, I told myself 'I'm not going to go to any more showers. I'll send my present, but I'm not going to go anymore because I don't like them.'

"There comes a time when you have to put some kinds of restraints on your life."



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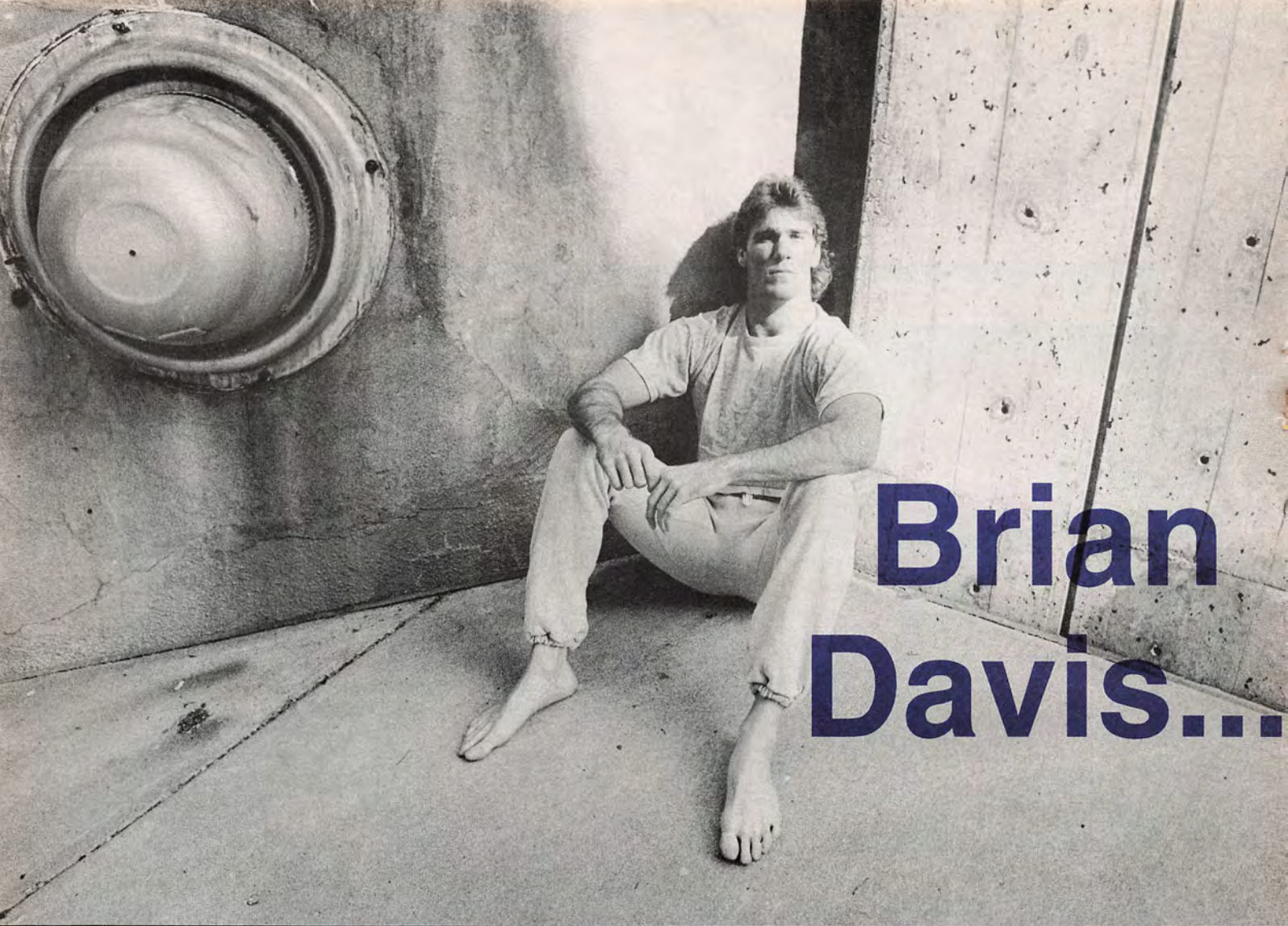
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Brian Davis...

By Mike Babcock

Brian Davis imagines the conversation will go something like this the next time he visits his home in Phoenix.

A high school classmate will ask: "What are you doing these days?"

Davis will say he's attending the University of Nebraska.

"Why are you doing that?" the classmate will want to know.

Davis will say he's a starting cornerback on Nebraska's nationally prominent football team.

His classmate won't believe him, of course and will say either: "No you're not, no way," or "Sure you are, and I'm playing football at Texas."

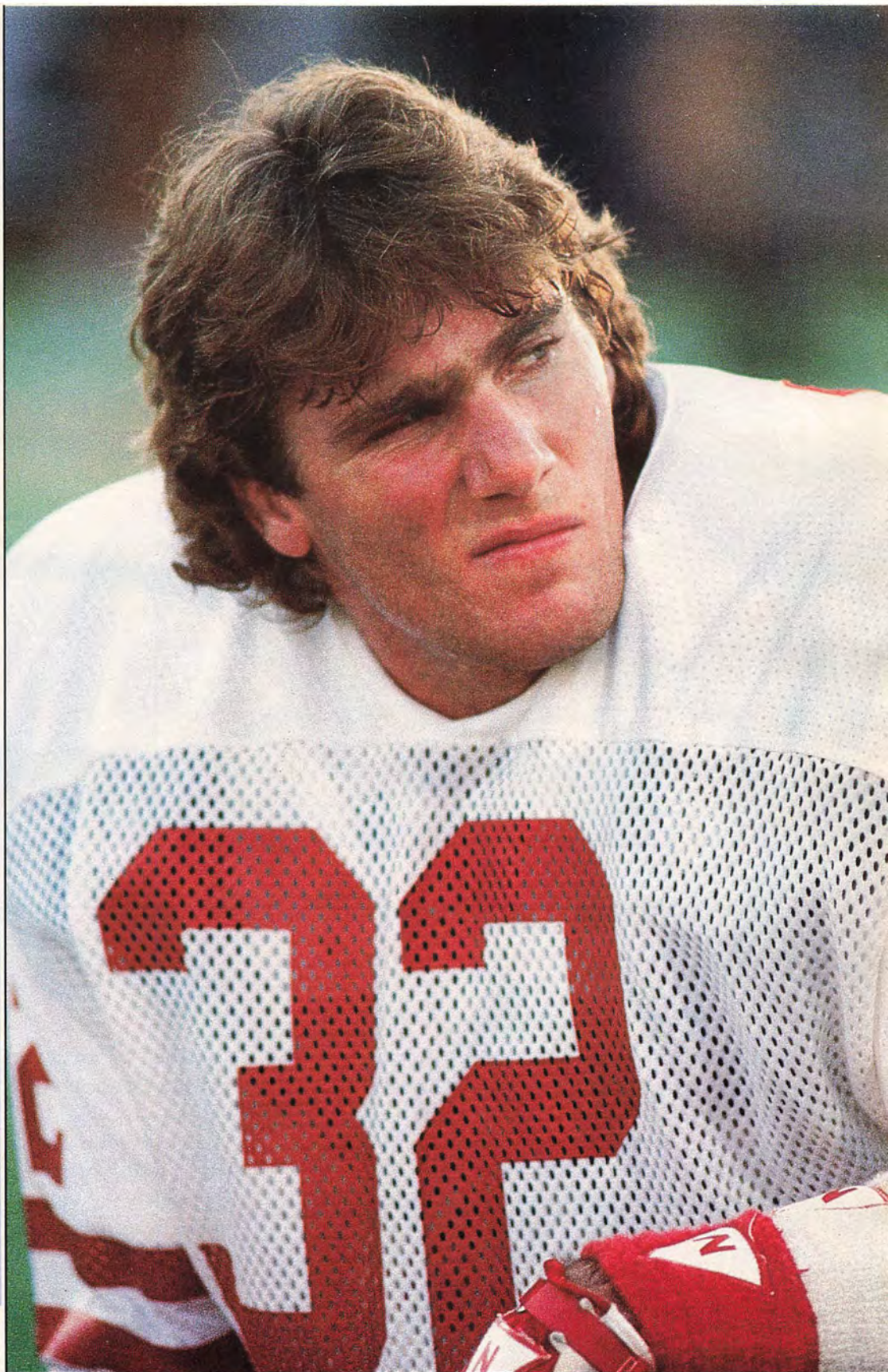
According to Davis, that's certain to be the scenario. The Cornhusker junior smiles at the thought.

By now, "The Brian Davis Story" is familiar to Nebraska football fans, though familiarity has made it no less difficult to believe.

Just three years ago, Davis had no intention of playing major college football. That was reasonable enough considering his size — 5-11 and 150 pounds — and the fact that he only played football part of his senior year in high school.

Davis built himself up to major college football size with dedicated workout habits. Now he's a Husker starter.

If his friends back home could only see him now! They still might not believe it!

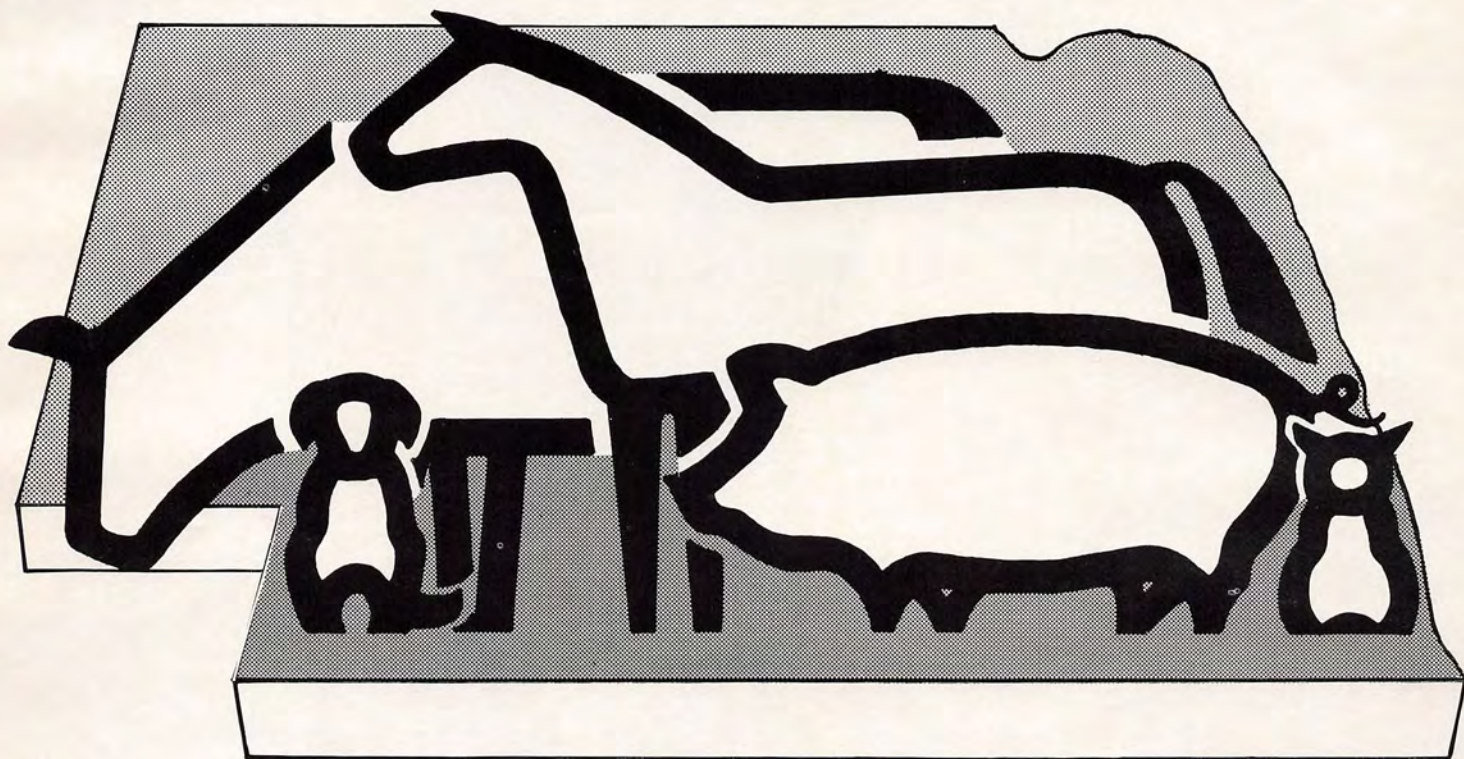


He had been a varsity wrestler, competing at 132 pounds as a senior.

College football recruiters weren't beating a path to his door. They didn't even

know, or care, which door was his.

Davis graduated from high school and began working for an insurance company, a job with which he became bored after



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about two years. Figuring additional education would help him pursue another career, he enrolled at nearby Glendale, Ariz., Community College.

A friend from another Arizona junior college told Davis he ought to play football at Glendale Community College, an odd suggestion given Davis' experience in the sport.

But Davis had grown to 6-3 and 195 pounds and he had built up considerable strength lifting weights in his spare time. He's a dedicated lifter.

So, after a tryout, he walked on.

By mid-season of his freshman year, Davis was a starter. Last season, he was a junior college All-American.

If it stopped at that point, the story would be incredible enough.

But there's more.

Davis was so impressive as a sophomore at Glendale Community College, that major colleges from coast to coast recruited him.

Initially, his interest was in the Pac 10 schools, Southern Cal and UCLA, in particular. "I'd always imagined playing at USC or UCLA, where you've got the beach and California," said Davis, who probably could pass as a member of the Beach Boys.

He made a recruiting trip to Southern Cal but cancelled a visit to UCLA in order to visit Nebraska.

The Huskers weren't a consideration to begin with, in part, because Davis believed the Big Eight was a run-oriented conference.

When Nebraska contacted him, "I was flattered," he said. "But I figured they could get a linebacker to play cornerback."

Davis didn't settle on a school until he had made visits to Miami, South Carolina, California and Arizona State. Tempe, Ariz., was close enough that he paid his own way there.

When the visiting was done, Davis sat down and weighed the promises and the opportunities to be afforded him. Every school except Nebraska assured him he'd start at the top.

The Cornhuskers, who were "honest, honest, honest," offered him a scholarship and a chance. Beyond that, it was up to him. Davis accepted the scholarship and the challenge.

He planned to enroll for second semester and participate in spring practice. The day he was scheduled to leave for Nebraska, however, Cornhusker recruiting coordinator Steve Pederson telephoned to say there was a problem with his transcripts.

The Big Eight requires junior college transfers to have taken 24 credit hours in their final two semesters, and Davis had completed only 22 hours his previous semesters.

"I had plenty of credits, 40 some, but I

only had 22 back-to-back," Davis said. "I didn't know about it until the day I was supposed to leave to come here. I got the phone call just before getting on my flight."

Nebraska took responsibility for the mix-up and offered to give Davis a release from the letter-of-intent he'd signed.

Davis recalls that his telephone conversation with Pederson went something like this: "Listen, we feel like it's our fault we didn't find the mistake, and missing spring ball could put you at a disadvantage, so if you want to go to another college, Coach Osborne will call them and say nothing but good things about you. He'll give you a good recommendation."

Nebraska assistant Bob Thornton, who coaches the defensive backs, was hoping Davis would be willing to wait. "We still wanted him to come to Nebraska," said Thornton, a former Cornhusker defensive back who transferred from a junior college.

Davis was disappointed "I was all packed and ready to go," he said.

Pederson told Davis to take some time and think about what he wanted to do.

Davis, however, didn't deliberate for long. "I told him (Pederson) I'd see him in the summer," Davis said. "I'd made my commitment here for certain reasons and I didn't want to go back on them. I still felt

that coming to Nebraska was in my best interests."

Davis didn't change his mind because "Brian's a man of his word," said Thornton.

While Davis took a heavy class load at Glendale Community College, another junior college transfer, Cleo Miller, went through spring practice at Nebraska, on what was supposed to be Davis' scholarship.

Miller had intended to pay his own way in the spring, after which he was to be given a scholarship. As it turned out, the situation was reversed.

Davis didn't arrive on campus unnoticed. In addition to his having been a junior college All-American, he had gotten a good build-up from Nebraska's coaches, who were impressed by his size, speed and strength.

The coaches weren't disappointed.

Davis performed as well or better than expected in pre-season testing with the freshmen. He was timed at :04.49, electronically in the 40-yard dash, the eighth fastest in Nebraska football history, and he had the seventh best vertical jump of all-time (38 inches).

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His test success was "what people expected and they got it," said Davis. "But when we started practicing and everything was new to me, everybody got a lot less than they expected because it was hard for me at first."

Davis never really showed what he was capable of doing on the field, at least by his standards, until Nebraska's nationally televised, 34-24 victory over fifth-ranked Oklahoma State.

He played a major role.

Those who didn't know his name before that game, left Lewis Field realizing the Cornhuskers had found themselves a quality defensive back.

Davis had a busy, and highly visible, night in Stillwater, Okla. He was the defender on the controversial, game-ending touchdown pass from Ronnie Williams to Lynn Beck. He intercepted one pass and had another interception nullified when an official ruled he was out-of-bounds, and he was called for pass interference.

Based on three of the four plays, it would seem to have been a night of frustration for Davis.

But the next Monday, he was No. 1 on the depth chart at left cornerback.

Davis emerged in the Oklahoma State game. "I felt good about the way he played. I've been waiting for him to come on," Thornton said.

"Brian did some great things athletically in the game, but he still has a lot of things to learn. He's a great athlete, capable of accomplishing whatever he wants to if he keeps his head about things."

Because of his late start in football, Davis has had to learn things other players know by the time they move up to the college level.

The final touchdown in the Oklahoma State game illustrates that point.

With time running out, the Cowboys threw a pass into the end zone. "Brian has probably never been in that situation," said Thornton.

"If they're going to throw the ball, where do they have to throw it? The end zone. Sure, Brian deflected the pass, but he should never have been in position to get turned around. He should've backed up into the end zone, no matter what defense we called.

"He should have been off his guy, standing in the end zone, knowing that all he had to do was tackle the man before he crossed the goal line."

Even though Beck apparently never had possession of the ball, the official ruled a completion and touchdown, a decision that brought angry words from Cornhusker linebacker Coach John Melton as he and the official left the field.

Davis' luck wasn't any better on what would have been his second interception of the game. The official said he was out-of-bounds, even though "I thought I was

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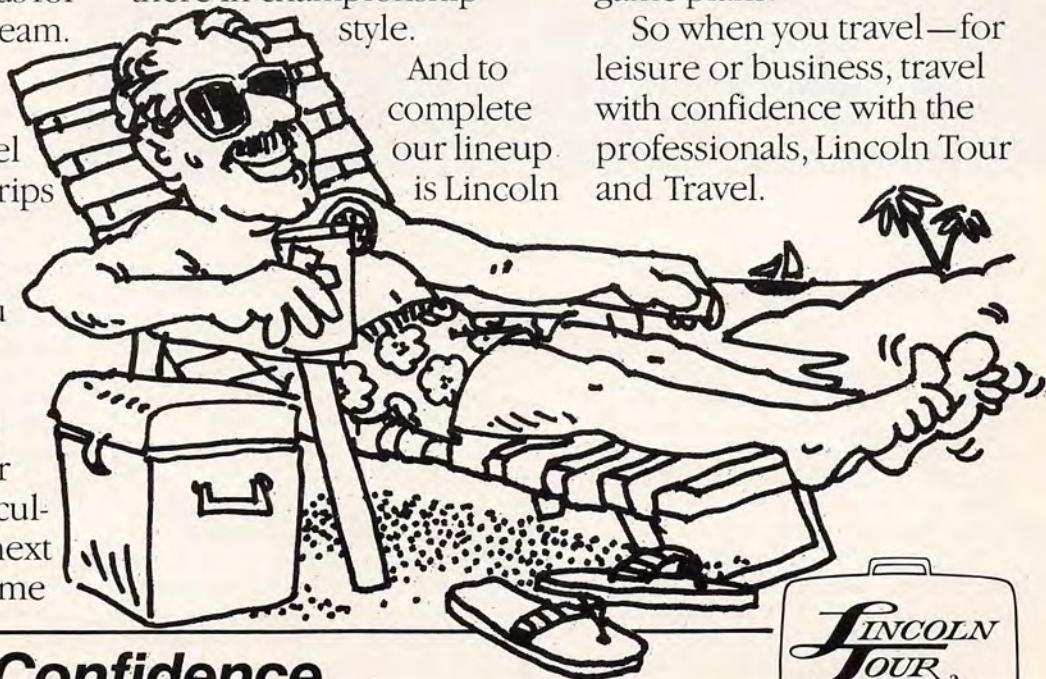
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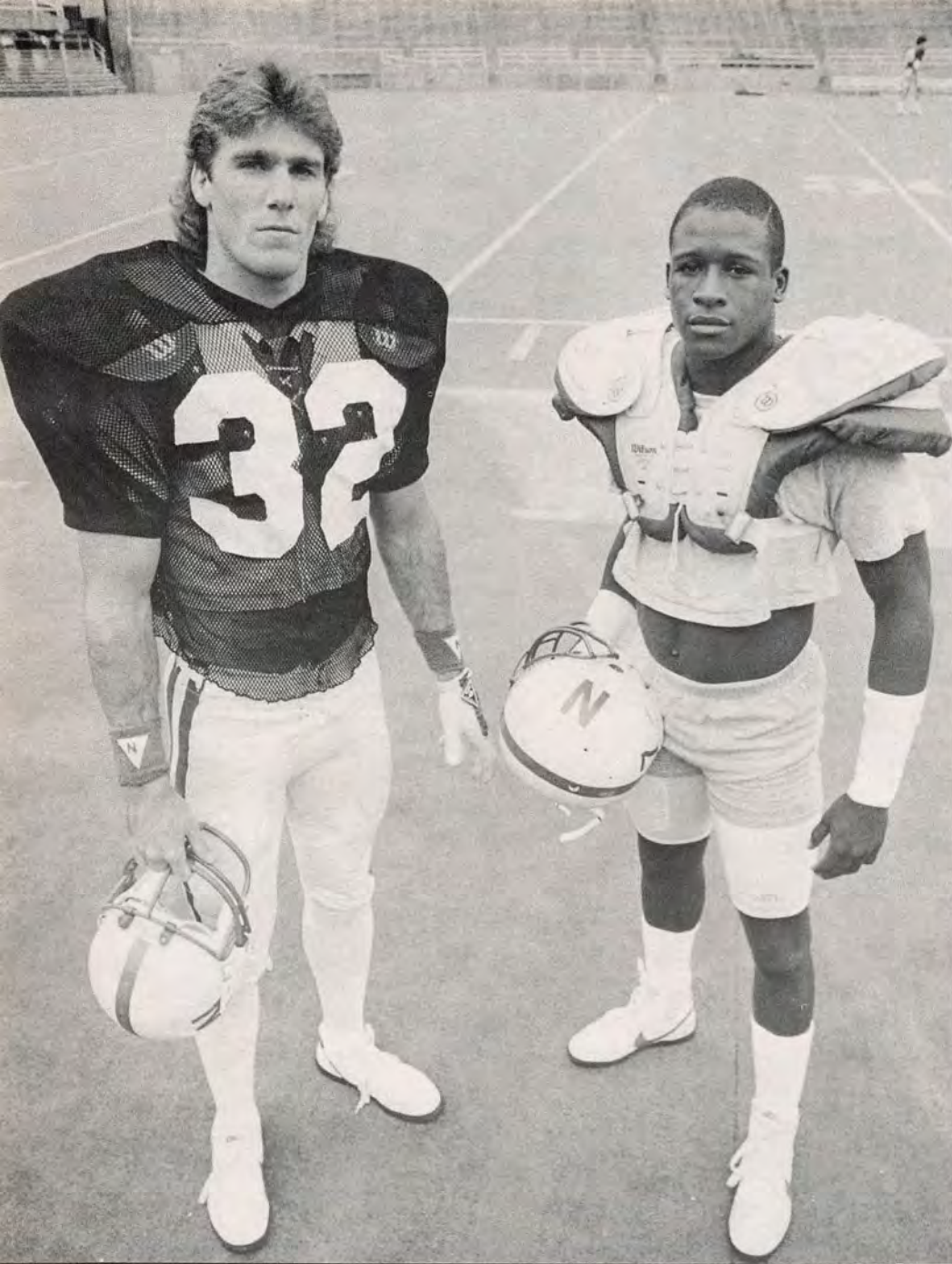
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Davis (left) was a semester "late" getting to Lincoln, and that was fine with Cleo Miller.

76,000 Cornhusker fans when he ran onto the artificial surface of Oklahoma State's field for the first time.

The Cowboys haven't beaten Nebraska since 1961 and they were convinced this would be the year when the spell would be broken.

"It was really intense," Davis said. "When I went in, I was running around, full-bore, looking, making sure I got that check call from the safety, thinking, 'I can't blow a coverage.'"

"I got tired in three plays. It's really scary at first. You're worried about doing something wrong. But then after awhile, you get the checks, and you get the coverages."

Davis came away from the Oklahoma State game with a confidence he didn't have in his first four games as a Cornhusker.

All that remains is for him to become familiar enough with Nebraska's defensive system that he can react instinctively rather than having to think about his assignments.

Prior to Oklahoma State, "I was out of place in alignments a lot of times and I hesitated making plays because I wasn't sure whether I was supposed to make them or not," said Davis.

"In the Oklahoma State game, from the first quarter to the fourth, I think I got better and better, and I felt more comfortable." By the end, "I was ready to play with those guys."

Davis made his first of many interceptions at Glendale Community College on his third play from scrimmage, returning it 55 yards for a touchdown. It took him until the fifth game to get his first interception at Nebraska.

On the opening series of the second half he intercepted a Williams' pass and returned it 18 yards.

Davis was happy with the interception, but he was unhappy with the return, as he watched it on a replay.

"All I noticed was how stupid I looked running it back, carrying the ball like Walter Payton," he said. "I didn't know I was doing that. I just knew I had the ball in my hand, and I was taking off."

Davis' return was carried coast to coast by the ESPN television network. Some of his high school classmates probably watched.

"If they saw me, they were probably saying, 'That's not him; there's no way it could be,'" Davis said, smiling.

But the next time he gets to Phoenix, he's going to tell them, "See, I did go to Nebraska and I did play." ♦

in-bounds by about two or three yards," Davis said. "I don't know how he could have called it that way.

"I know my back was to him when I came down with the ball. I fell on the receiver and we slid. We were in-bounds and then we slid out. As soon as I turned over, I wanted to show the official the ball. Maybe he thought it had been trapped between us.

"But I'm sure I had it."

The Oklahoma State game was a confidence-builder for Davis, who tapered off enough midway through fall camp that the coaches considered redshirting him in order to give him additional time to learn the system.

"When I came here, I thought maybe I wouldn't have that much trouble picking

things up," he said. "But realistically, since I hadn't played much football, I didn't pick them up that fast.

"To someone who's played football all his life, a coverage here might be called something different, but he already knows it.

"For me it wasn't like that."

Davis played sparingly in Nebraska's first four games, all of which were at home. He needed the time to adjust.

"I had no idea what it would be like being down in the field. I don't know how to put it into words. The first couple of games were really exciting, but that was just from the sideline. When you're there, you can look at all the people and think, 'Wow.'" he said.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: This story is merely a progress report on some of the top high school prospects in the Midwest and Southwest. It is not an attempt to show what players Nebraska may or may not be interested in recruiting.)

By Berry Tramel

In Dallas, the big news was the broken ankle of junior running back star Darren Lewis of Dallas Carter. Lewis suffered the injury in a 28-0 win over Dallas South Oak Cliff as Carter ascended to 5-0, the No.4 state 5A ranking and the No.2 area ranking. Lewis, who had 909 yards and 11 TDs at the time of the injury, is expected to be sidelined until November.

The following week, however, Carter lost to Thomas Jefferson, 17-15.

Irving High's Ezell Scott was impressive through four games — rushing for 618 yards and five TDs — but sat out with a hamstring pull and Irving promptly suffered its first loss of the year, 15-13 to Grand Prairie.

A big surprise was Dallas Wilson's Don Young, a wide receiver-defensive back who ignited Wilson's 5-0 start. A 6-1, 190-pound three-sport star, Young is great friends with former Wilson star Tim Brown, who is at Notre Dame.

Denison remained unbeaten and ranked second in 4A behind the stout running of Aaron Jackson, who had 828 yards and 14 touchdowns through five games.

Plano was unranked in the state 5A poll, but the *Dallas Times Herald* had Plano No.1 in the metro. Plano's option offense has been keyed by running back Kyle Moody (524 yards and seven TDs in five games) and quarterback Tony Cook (396 yards rushing).

Wilmer-Hutchins lost nine players off last year's team to major colleges, but quarterback Gary Barnett helped W-H to a 4-0-1 start. Barnett, the metro's leading 5A passer, was 61 of 116 for 943 yards and nine TDs.

McKinney's Greg Ziegler, considered the top quarterback in the area, continued his hot hand. He was 57 of 102 for 931 yards and 13 TDs in 4A McKinney's 4-1 start.

Dallas White's Chester Feeney, who was off to a big start, continued to be hobbled by a thigh bruise.

South Grand Prairie's James Marcus was hobbled by a knee injury, but he still totaled 561 yards and five TDs in South Grand Prairie's 4-0-1 start. SGP was No.7 in the metro rankings.

Garland lost two straight after a 3-0 start, but don't blame Kevin Adkins, who had 665 yards and 10 TDs.

Lewisville's deep and talented backfield continued to be paced by Terrence Miller, who had 616 yards and nine touchdowns as the Farmers went 5-0 and obtained the No.3 ranking in the metro.

In Houston, Cypress-Fairbanks emerged as a state darkhorse behind the offensive talents of quarterback Jeff Miller and tailback Reggie Santee. Cy-Fair, unranked in the state poll, was No.1 in the *Houston Post's* metro poll after a 5-0 start. Miller was 36 of 61 for 728 yards, nine TDs and just one interception. Santee rushed for 580 yards on 75 carries. Cy-Fair disposed of Houston Kline, but not before Kline linebacker Gary Hayes showed off

Aldine Nimitz moved into the *Post's* Top 10 after a 5-0 start keyed by tailback Scooter Menifee, who had 804 yards on 74 carries (a 10.9 average).

Aldine MacArthur was beset with defensive woes that slowed it to a 3-2 start, but the offense was in high gear. Quarterback Walter Maeker was 44 of 82 for 712 yards, seven TDs and just three interceptions.

LaPorte was an uncharacteristic 2-3, but running back Kevin Richards had 872 yards on 115 carries.

Richmond Terry running back Torey Davis had 712 yards on 134 carries to key his team's 4-1 start.

Blue Chip

his speed by chasing down Cy-Fair's runners.

Fort Bend Willowridge remained on the rampage as a stiff defense — led by 6-foot-4, 245-pound end Zarak Peters — had allowed just one touchdown through five games. Blue-chip tight end Charles Arbuckle, despite playing for a land-locked team, had caught nine passes for 153 yards.

Houston Yates was still No.1 in at least one state 5A poll, though the *Post* had Yates third in the city. Linebacker Melvin Foster continued to shine, but running back Johnny Bailey had to give way to fullback Lawrence King for top offensive honors on the squad. Bailey slowed to 297 yards on 39 carries through five games, while King had 440 yards on 59 carries. Both are 5-10, 180.

O.C. Oliver had run to 674 yards on 126 carries in Houston Clements' 5-0 start and the No.6 ranking in the city.

Tomball stayed the state's top-rated team in 4A as ultra-talented quarterback Lance Pavlas completed 32 of 66 for 641 yards, eight TDs and just three interceptions. Running back Bubba Greely had 823 yards and 13 TDs on 90 carries for Tomball.

And the top receiver in the area by a huge margin was Angleton wideout Rodney Terry, who caught 33 passes for 446 yards, though Angleton was off to a 1-3-1 start.

In western Oklahoma, Edmond's 15-11 win over Midwest City provided a stage for a multitude of stars. David Frost, Edmond's big-play flanker-safety, had a 30-yard TD catch from quarterback John Alsup. A week later, in Edmond's 38-7 rout of Wichita Falls Rider, Frost had an 87-yard punt return for a TD, a 39-yard TD reception from Alsup and a 49-yard reception that set up a 19-yard TD run by talented junior tailback Brett Adams. In Edmond's 5-0 start, Frost had 12 catches for 371 yards (a 30.9 per catch average), 10 punt returns for a 23.6 yard average and five interceptions.

Alsup, just a junior, was 5-of-6 for 155 yards against Rider and was 21 of 52 for 472 yards and three TDs through five games. Adams, who rushed for 989 yards as a sophomore, had 463 yards and four TDs through five games. He carried 24 times for 162 yards against Midwest City.

Midwest City quarterback Mike Gundy was 16 of 30 for 252 yards and a TD against

Edmond and followed that by going seven of 12 for 171 yards in a 28-10 win over arch-rival Del City. Gundy led Class 5A and was second in the state in passing with 915 yards on 55 of 97 attempts. The state leader was Don Caffey of Hennessey, who was 66 of 129 for 919 yards and 10 TDs.

Duncan quarterback Quinn Grovey was spectacular in a 25-14 win over Ada, returning a punt 66 yards for a TD and running 70 and 68 yards for TDs. He finished with 157 yards on 10 carries.

Tailback Vernon Brown of Del City had 173 yards on 29 carries against Midwest City, giving him 577 yards on 91 carries, third-best in 5A.

Update

In St. Louis, Tony Van Zandt showed no signs of slowing down, rushing for 220 yards in Hazelwood Central's 18-7 win over McClure North. In Hazelwood Central's 5-0 start, Van Zandt rushed for 870 yards.

St. Louis University's Henry Jones, who was bothered by a hip-pointer earlier, was slowed by an ankle sprain and had just 209 yards rushing and three TDs in University's 4-1 start. Still, Jones' forte — and future — lies on and in defense, where he continued to excel.

Michael Simmons gained 156 yards on 22 carries and scored all three Kirkwood TDs in a 23-14 victory over Parkway Central. Simmons, who some consider in Van Zandt's class, had 537 yards on 83 carries through four games.

Jeff Frost of Fort Zumwalt was still piling up the passing yardage, though his interception rate (seven in five games) was high. Frost completed 60 of 117 for 872 yards and five TDs in a 2-3 start.

And East St. Louis, Ill., the nation's top-ranked team by *USA Today*, stayed on track. Despite playing little more than half of each game, quarterback Kerwin Price was 23 of 43 for 534 yards and two inter-

ceptions, and running back Michael Cox had gained 399 yards on 46 carries.

In Nebraska, Omaha Creighton Prep and its talented band blew out Omaha Central 49-8 in a shootout of top-ranked teams. Fullback George Achola was second in Class A rushing with 555 yards and seven TDs on 80 carries, though he got just 80 on 19 carries against Central. A week later, Creighton Prep beat Omaha Westlake to move to No. 22 in *USA Today* and Achola had 117 yards on 19 carries. Remarkably, standout kicker Greg Barrios misfired on three field goal attempts against Westlake, his first misses of the season. They were from 53, 27 and 23 yards. Still, he's 5-of-8 on the season.

Leodis Flowers, Omaha Central's junior sensation, was held to his lowest output of the season — 102 yards on 20 carries — against Prep but did manage a 40-yard touchdown run. Central, previously No. 1 in the state, was then upset by winless Omaha Bryan 6-0 in overtime. Still, Flowers had 840 yards and eight TDs on 130 carries through five games. Omaha Central linebacker Sam Rizzuto was the state's leading tackler through four games with 33 unassisted and 40 assists.

Standout linebacker Steve Brown led Class A in unassisted tackles with 46, and had 24 assists, in Bellview West's 4-1 start. Brown spearheaded a defense that keyed West's 9-6 win in a defensive struggle against arch-rival Bellview East.

Gerry Gdowski, the state's top quarterback prospect but the victim of a slump in the early going, snapped out of it and had 423 yards on 40 of 105 passing, with three TDs and nine interceptions through five games.

Papillion was ranked second at 5-0 behind Creighton Prep and it relied on a number of offensive talents. Quarterback Todd Jakopovich, 5-11, 180, was 28 of 47 for 460 yards, four TDs and three interceptions. Running back Bob Gordon, 5-11, 185, had 11 TDs in five games and had rushed 119 times for 492 yards. Crandall Mack, a speedy wide receiver, had caught 11 passes for 185 yards and two TDs. And kicker John Bonnaci, overshadowed by Barrios, booted a 42-yard field goal to help Papillion dispose of Ralston 19-6.

Other top quarterbacks included Troy Darhota, who completed 40 of 73 for 618 yards, three TDs and six interceptions as Norfolk went 5-0 to join Creighton Prep, Papillion and Alliance as Class A's lone remaining unbeaten; Dave Svehla, a junior at Lincoln Northeast who was 41 of 84 for 600 yards, four interceptions and three TDs into a 3-2 start, and North Platte's Steve Johnson, who tailed off after a big start and was 23 of 53 for 376 yards after five games.

It's an admitted down year in the Kansas City area, but only in quantity. Quality is still around, namely in the person of linebacker Dayne Thrower of Kansas City

Southeast, which was off to a 4-1 start.

Another linebacking standout is Terry Johnson at Kansas City Center, a 4A school high in the rankings. Center's lone loss was to 5A Rockhurst, the traditional power in Kansas City. Center also boasts a lethal 1-2 running punch — senior Brian Wiethorn should be highly recruited, junior Travis Williams leads the team in rushing.

Brad Hinkle is an option quarterback standout at Olathe (Kan.) South. Directing South's wishbone, Hinkle completed 13 of 28 for 298 yards and five TDs in a 4-0 start. Fullback Terry Gobereau, 6-0, 200, had 509 yards and five TDs on 77 carries.

Kansas City Paseo was bolstered by 6-1, 202-pound fullback David Cobbins, who had over 700 yards, and swift wingback Eric Kain, 6-2, 190.

Lee's Summit was ranked No. 1 in Kansas City, No. 3 in Missouri 5A. Linebacker Scott Camby, 6-1, 200, keyed the defense in a 5-0 start and quarterback Craig Phillips led a balanced attack.

In Colorado, that state's three big line-men are having markedly different degrees of success. Darrin Muilenburg is one of the chief reasons why Lakewood was 6-0 and ranked fourth in Class 4A.

Meanwhile, big center John Laurita and Arvada West were sputtering at 3-3. And poor Ariel Soloman, another mountain man in the mountains, was a member of Boulder High's 0-6 team.

Grand Junction and Loveland can meet this year only two ways: In the Class 3A state title game, or unless one manages to finish runnerup in its district. Bet on the former. Those two talent-loaded teams were running roughshod over 3A.

Loveland was 6-0 and ranked second, with sprint star Dave McCloughan getting limited time at running back due to routs. Still, he had 426 yards on 60 carries.

Grand Junction was 6-0 and No. 1, with quarterback Bill Musgrave passing for 1,379 yards — 372 of it in a 37-27 win over Northland. Running back Judd Loverne had 683 yards rushing for Grand Junction.

No. 3 in 3A was Douglass County, 6-0, and sporting running back Scotty Kier, who had 1,050 yards on 147 carries.

Boulder Fairview junior Scott Lockwood continued to shine — he had 863 yards on 115 carries through five games.

No. 1 in 4A was Cherry Creek, with blue-chipper Dan Webber running for 937 yards on 132 carries, second-best in 4A.

Other running backs who began to make themselves noticed were Littleton Columbine's Craig Hulsey, who had 819 yards in a 5-1 start, and Aurora Rangeview's Mike Vaughn, who had 809 yards in a 4-2 start.

And linebacker Jim Dadiotis kept his reputation intact as the state's best player as Denver East dominated its inner-city schedule and climbed to No. 6 in 4A. ♦



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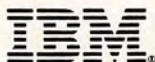
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The Way They See It...

Dick Janda, KOLN-KGIN TV, Lincoln: "Is there any truth to the rumor that Kansas State is applying for membership in the NAIA? Probably would be in over their heads there, too. Nebraska's JV team would have a hard time losing to Kansas State. Make it, **Nebraska 66, Kansas State 0.**"

Lee Barfknecht, Omaha World Herald: "File this game under 'necessary evils.' It's necessary that the game be played to complete the Big Eight race. But it's evil to make K-State face a loaded Husker team. **Nebraska 56, Kansas State 9.**"

Larry Moehlenbrink, KFOR Radio: "I think Kansas State will probably have a letdown after upsetting Missouri. And sooner or later, Nebraska will have to have it easier. It's not reasonable to think they would have four toughies in a row (OSU, MU, CU the first three). I'm a Kansas State graduate, so my heart is with the Wildcats, but my head is with the Huskers. **Nebraska 56, Kansas State 7.**"

Tom Vint, The Associated Press: "I think it will probably be a no-decision at least on the Huskers quarterback situation, but that's it. The Huskers could have a chance to take a look at some lower team members, more so if it were a home game. The travel squad limits may cause the score to go a bit higher. **Nebraska 45, Kansas State 7.**"

Dave Weber, WOWT TV, Omaha: "If Kansas State needed anything to get primed for Nebraska, it's an upset over Missouri. They'll be ready, as they have all season long, for Nebraska. **Nebraska 42, Kansas State 10.**"

Terry Yeager, KMTV, Omaha: "If Nebraska starts Travis Turner, which I'm sure they will, it will probably be **42-0**. If they start Travis Turner and then bring in Steven Taylor in the second half, it will be **52-0**. The defense will have a very easy day."

The Series

NEBRASKA vs. KANSAS STATE

When: 1:30 p.m., Saturday, November 2.

Where: KSU Stadium, Manhattan, Kansas.

Kansas State Facts: Coach — Lee Moon, VMI (1970), named interim coach prior to third game this season after the firing of Jim Dickey. School Colors — Purple and White. Nickname — Wildcats. Enrollment — 16,673. Conference — Big Eight. Offensive System — Multiple. Defensive System — 4-3.

The Series: Nebraska will take a streak of 16 straight wins in this series to Manhattan. The last time the Wildcats won was 1959 at this same stadium, 29-14. In fact, from 1953 through 1959, KSU won five times. Overall, however, it's been all Nebraska. The Cornhuskers have won 57 times, lost only 10 and there have been two ties. Oddly enough, NU has a commanding 27-3-2 advantage in Manhattan (8-0-0 at KSU Stadium). The series began in 1911 with a 59-0 Big Red rout in Lincoln. K-State posted its first series' win in 1930 at Lincoln after 13 losses and a 0-0 tie. Nine of those first 13 NU wins were shutouts. Last year Nebraska prevailed 62-14. The last time in Manhattan produced a 51-25 Husker triumph. Nebraska has a whopping 23.9 to 7.1 spread in average score.

**Lee Sapp Leasing
Lee Sapp's Pick
Nebraska 52
Kansas State 3**

Ken Hambleton, Lincoln Journal-Star: "The Wildcats prove to be more than Kittens with their initial victory of the year over Missouri. The Huskers may be emotionally drained following their physical Colorado collision. This game may be closer than anticipated. **Nebraska 58, Kansas State 7.**"

Brent Robinson, Kearney Hub: "After two slow weeks for the Nebraska offense, this should be the game to get untracked. Kansas State's big win over Missouri has to help the Wildcat program but facing the Huskers this week should bring them back to Earth. This one may not be pretty. **Nebraska 48, Kansas State 3.**"

The Way We See It...

Huskers Illustrated: "Kansas State's victory over Missouri will be a big lift and the Wildcats should come out hungry against Nebraska.

"Backup quarterback John Welch gave KSU a big lift, as did Travis Turner for the Huskers against Colorado.

"But Turner said after NU's win that 'one guy doesn't make that much difference' in downplaying his own contribution.

"Whether Turner or McCathorn Clayton is at the controls Saturday against Kansas State, the Wildcats will have problems.

"K-State has consistently given up a lot of rushing yardage 195.3 yards per game and Nebraska has as good a rushing attack as any team the Cats have played.

"Injuries, particularly at the defensive end spot, have hampered Nebraska, but the 60-man travel roster will hurt K-State even more. Without the large number of reserves to come in and spell the starters, the game could easily get out of hand. **Nebraska 48, Kansas State 10.**" ♦



Injury Report

Probable for Kansas State:

Center Bill Lewis suffered a bruised left calf after being kicked during the Colorado game.

Tackle Tom Welter strained his left hip during the Colorado game.

Tight End Tom Banderas hyperextended his elbow.

Questionable for Kansas State:

Defensive End Tony Holloway missed the Colorado game with a bruised kneecap.

Guard Stan Parker missed the Missouri and Colorado games with a strained knee.

Defensive end Brad Smith missed the Colorado game after being admitted to the University Health Center on Friday night because of an infection. ♦

After all the turmoil the Kansas State football program has been through this year, the Wildcats needed a miracle.

And they got it. K-State rallied for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to defeat winless Missouri 20-17 and earn its first victory in seven games.

"By the grace of God and with some luck, we pulled it out," said Interim Coach Lee Moon. "I knew if we hung in there we would have a chance because Missouri can't hold a lead. We did what we had to do to win."

Moon replaced Head Coach Jim Dickey after the Wildcats had lost two games this season. He was the assistant athletic director for Kansas State in charge of operations.

Backup quarterback John Welch fired a 41-yard touchdown to Gerald Alphin and a 10-yard scoring toss to Todd Elder in the fourth quarter.

Elder's score, which came with 1:14 left in the game, was set up when Alphin gathered in a pass tipped by Missouri defender Erik McMillan for a 49-yard gain on fourth-and-16.

"It was our last shot," Alphin said. "I knew the defensive back tipped it. I just had to jump high and catch it. He tipped the ball and I happened to be there to get the rebound."

Welch, who was a defensive end a year ago, hit 19-of-38 passes with one interception for 271 yards. The junior had come into the game 15-38-0 for 170 yards in three games. He had replaced starter Randy Williams in the fourth quarter of the loss to Kansas and guided the Wildcats to their longest sustained scoring march of the season before the Missouri game. Welch and Alphin hooked up on a scoring pass in that game, also.

Alphin, a 6-3½ senior from St. Louis, was KSU's top returning receiver from last year after leading the club with 256 yards in receptions for an 18.3 average. Against Missouri, he caught eight passes for 154 yards.

Kansas State had six fewer first downs than Missouri, but the Tigers lost two fumbles and two interceptions while K-State lost one of each. Tailback John Kendrick rushed 13 times for 39 yards, but the K-State offense was held to a net 10 yards rushing while allowing Missouri 275 yards on the ground.

The 0-6 start had been Kansas State's worst since 1966. That year, the Wildcats tied Kansas in their seventh game before losing the final two games of the year.

This year against Kansas, KSU fell 38-7 after staking the Jayhawks to a 38-0 lead. Williams suffered three interceptions, one which was returned for a touchdown.

The Wildcats rushed for 107 yards and passed for 106, but allowed Kansas 158 yards rushing and 269 passing yards.

Scouting The Opponent



Barton Hundley

Against Oklahoma, Moon said the final score of 41-6 didn't give a true picture of the Wildcats' effort.

"We played better than the score indicated. Our defense took over 100 snaps and that will wear any team down," he said.

The Sooners drilled KSU for 410 yards rushing on 76 attempts and completed 10-of-14 passes for 177 yards. K-State had just 59 yards rushing and 100 through the air.

The North Texas State quarterback ran for 91 yards and two touchdowns as the Green Wave edged K-State 22-20. Kansas State was led by Dimitrie Scott's touchdown and Ray Wilson's 51 yards rushing.

Against Texas Christian, the Wildcats missed a two-point conversion with 49 seconds left in the game and fell 24-22. The Horned Frogs took a 24-16 lead midway through the final period, but fumbled the ball on the TCU 16-yard line with 2:15 left in the game.

Welch came on and directed the scoring drive that ended with Tony Jordan's 1-yard dive. Welch's pass on the extra point

was broken by TCU.

The Wildcats then recovered an onside kick but three sacks and an incomplete pass ended K-State's bid for an upset.

Northern Iowa had 379 yards total offense in a 10-6 victory over K-State. The Wildcats scored in the third quarter on a 1-yard run by Greg Strahm. Kendrick led KSU with 142 yards on 14 rushes.

Kansas State trailed 10-3 at halftime before falling to Wichita State in its opener. In the third quarter, however, the Wildcats suffered three turnovers and mounted virtually no offense at all.

Williams passed for 115 yards, but the Wildcats rushed for just 119 yards on 38 carries.

Defensively, linebacker David Wallace is leading the Wildcats in tackles. Barton Hundley, the KSU all-conference free safety, had 55 tackles going into the Missouri game.

Moon went to KSU after being an assistant football coach and administrative assistant at Mississippi State University. He began his coaching career at Staunton Military Academy and then went to the University of Virginia as a graduate assistant and full-time assistant.

Moon left to become head junior varsity coach and line coach at Duke but he returned to Virginia. He was a two-year letterman at Virginia Military Institute and played one year of semi-professional football for the Roanoke Buckskins. ♦

Big 8 Standings

Team	CONFERENCE						ALL GAMES					
	W	L	T	PF	PA		W	L	T	PF	PA	
Nebraska	3	0	0	79	51		6	1	0	245	100	
Oklahoma	2	0	0	100	20		4	1	0	141	61	
Colorado	2	1	0	85	30		5	2	0	156	106	
Oklahoma State	1	1	0	41	44		5	1	0	152	93	
Kansas	1	2	0	69	46		5	3	0	235	143	
Iowa State	1	2	0	42	120		3	4	0	92	217	
Kansas St.	1	2	0	33	96		1	6	0	81	126	
Missouri	0	3	0	44	86		0	7	0	133	209	

Last Week's Scores

Kansas State 20, Missouri 17
Nebraska 17, Colorado 7
Oklahoma 59, Iowa State 14
Oklahoma State 17, Kansas 10

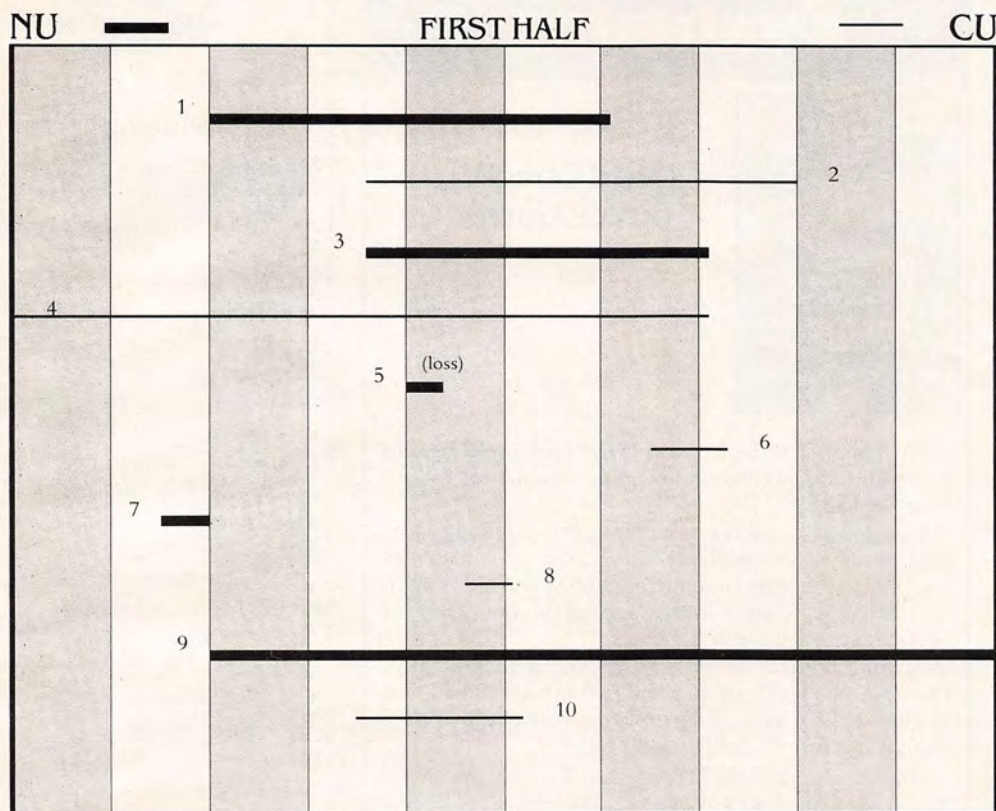
This Week's Schedule

Kansas at Oklahoma
Missouri at Iowa State
Nebraska at Kansas State
Oklahoma State at Colorado

1985 Schedule

Date	Opponent	NU	OPP
Sept. 7	Florida State	13	17
Sept. 21	Illinois	52	25
Sept. 28	Oregon	63	0
Oct. 5	New Mexico	38	7
Oct. 12	at Oklahoma State	34	24
Oct. 19	at Missouri	28	20
Oct. 26	Colorado	17	7
Nov. 2	at Kansas State		
Nov. 9	Iowa State		
Nov. 16	Kansas		
Nov. 23	at Oklahoma		

Field Position Chart

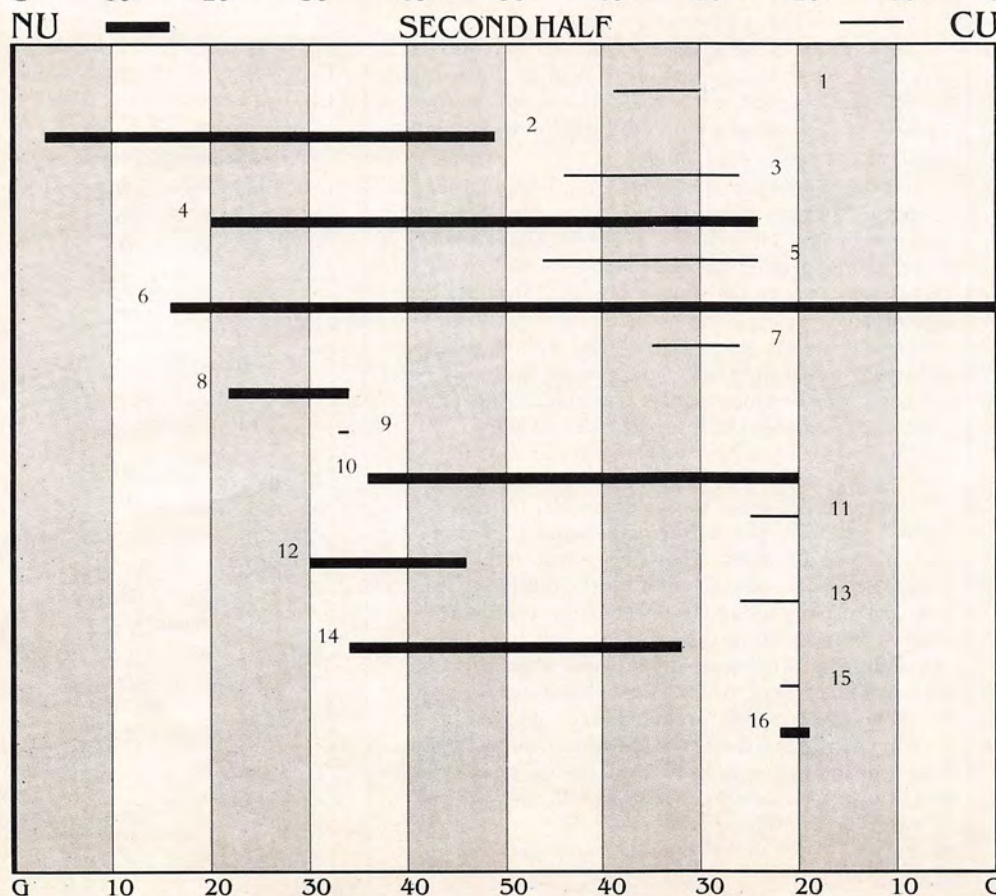


1st Half Possessions

1. CU 60 KO, no return to NU 20. NU drives to CU 39.
2. Nu 39 punt, no return to CU 20. CU drives to NU 36.
3. CU fumbles at NU 36. NU drives to CU 29.
4. CU takes over at CU 30 after missed field goal. Cu drives for TD.
5. CU 59 KO, NU 43 ret. to NU 44. NU pushed back to NU 40.
6. NU 35 punt, CU 2 ret. to CU 27, Cu drives to CU 35.
7. CU 59 punt, NU 8 ret. to NU 15. NU drives to NU 20.
8. NU 53 punt, CU 7 ret. NU penalized 15 yards to CU 49. CU drive to NU 46.
9. CU 46 punt, no ret. to NU 20. NU drives for TD.
10. NU tries onside kick, CU recovers at CU 48. CU drives to NU 35 and tries FG as time runs out.

2nd Half Possessions

1. NU 50 KO, CU 20 ret. to Cu 30. CU drives to to CU 39.
2. CU 58 punt, no ret. to NU 3. Nu drives to NU 49.
3. NU 33 punt, no ret., NU penalized 5 yards to CU 26. CU drives to CU 44.
4. CU 56 punt, no return to NU 20. NU drives to CU 24.
5. CU takes over at CU 25 after missed FG. CU drives to CU 46.
6. CU 38 punt no ret. to NU 16, NU drives for TD.
7. Nu 57 KO, Cu 23 ret. to CU 26. Cu drives to CU 35.
8. CU 54 punt, NU 11 ret. to NU 22. NU drives to NU 34.
9. CU recovers fumble at NU 34. Cu drives to NU 33.
10. NU recovers fumble at NU 36. NU drives to FG.
11. NU 60 KO, no ret. to CU 20. Cu drives to CU 25.
12. CU 53 punt, NU 8 ret. to NU 30. NU drives to NU 46.
13. NU 54 punt, no ret. to CU 20. Cu drives to CU 26.
14. CU 40 punt, no ret. to NU 34. NU drives to CU 32.
15. CU intercepts in end zone, takes over at CU 20. CU drives to CU 22.
16. NU recovers fumble at CU 21. NU drives to CU 19 as time runs out.



Husker Depth Chart

NU OFFENSE

SE: 85 Robb Schnitzler, 5-9, 170, jr.; 88 Rod Smith, 6-0, 195, so.
LT: 65 Tim Roth, 6-0, 275, sr.; 57 Keven Lightner, 6-2, 280, so.
LG: 70 Brian Blankenship, 6-1, 270, sr.; 74 Stan Parker, 6-5, 245, jr.
C: 68 Bill Lewis, 6-6, 275, sr.; 54 Mark Cooper, 6-1, 245, jr.
RG: 61 John McCormick, 6-0, 250, so.; 74 Stan Parker, 6-5, 245, jr.
RT: 69 Tom Welter, 6-4, 275, jr.; 72 Rob Maggard, 6-3, 265, jr.
TE: 80 Todd Frain, 6-3, 230, sr.; 87 Tom Banderas, 6-2, 225, so.
QB: 7 McCathorn Clayton, 6-0, 195, so.; 14 Travis Turner, 6-3, 215, sr.
FB: 26 Tom Rathman, 6-0, 220, sr.; 49 Ken Kaelin, 5-10, 215, jr.
IB: 22 Doug DuBose, 5-11, 190, jr.; 21 Paul Miles, 5-10, 210, sr.
WB: 23 Roger Lindstrom, 5-10, 195, sr.; 2 Von Sheppard, 5-9, 185, so.

NU DEFENSE

LE: 81 Brad Smith, 6-3, 230, sr.; 84 Gregg Reeves, 6-3, 225, sr.
LT: 76 Chris Spachman, 6-5, 250, jr.; 92 Neil Smith, 6-5, 245, so.
NG: 95 Danny Noonan, 6-3, 275, jr.; 34 Todd Proffitt, 5-11, 250, sr.
RT: 96 Jim Skow, 6-3, 250, sr.; 98 Lee Jones, 6-1, 230, so.
RE: 89 Scott Tucker, 6-3, 220, sr.; Tony Holloway, 6-2, 205, jr.
SLB: 44 Mike Knox, 6-2, 235, sr.; 35 Kevin Parsons, 6-3, 230, jr.
WLB: 41 Marc Munford, 6-2, 230, jr.; 46 Chad Daffer, 6-1, 230, sr.
LC: 32 Brian Davis, 6-3, 195, jr.; 3 Gary Schneider, 6-0, 200, jr.
RC: 17 Cleo Miller, 5-9, 170, jr.; 42 Mike Carl, 5-11, 180, jr.
M: 5 Brian Washington, 6-1, 205, so.; 4 Guy Rozier, 5-10, 190, sr.
S: 45 Chris Carr, 6-2, 195, jr.; 19 Bryan Siebler, 5-11, 195, jr.

SPECIALISTS

K: 1 Dale Klein, 6-1, 195, so.; Dan Wingard, 6-1, 195, sr.
P: 47 Dan Wingard, 6-1, 195, sr.; 13 Craig Schnitzler, 5-8, 215, so.

Coach's Evaluation



Head Coach
Tom Osborne

"Although I thought we played fairly well against Colorado, we needed more point production for the yards we had.

"We had a chance at more points, but the long pass to Rod Smith was dropped, we had a penalty around the 10-yard line that stopped us one time and we missed a couple of field goals. If we'd gotten another 10 points on the board I'd have felt a little bit better.

"Tom Rathman's run was a big factor in the ballgame. I don't think there's another fullback in the country who can block the way he does on every play and then turn around and run the ball 70 or 80 yards.

"Not having (Mark) Hatcher and then having (Rick) Wheeler go out hurt Colorado some, although (Craig) Keenan is a good thrower. That is probably his long suit. He hurt us with a few passes.

"McCathorn (Clayton) isn't hurting physically. He was last week, but he's OK now. And he did all right. He had the one bad pitch and there were a couple of things mentally where I didn't think he understood quite what we wanted to get done.

"This guy (Turner) is playing on a very bad leg (arthroscopic surgery prior to the season). He hurt it again two weeks ago. He's shown a lot of courage to stay in there. I hope people will understand and accept the fact that he's playing under quite a burden. And he's doing a good job.

"Overall, I was very pleased. The defensive coaches did a good job of adjusting as the game went along. After the first eight or nine minutes, we played much better. And we played great defense in the second half.

"One of the strengths we have on our coaching staff is the ability to adjust to what we see.

"Colorado did some things that really hurt us defensively in the early part of the game when they came out with two tight ends. That's something they hadn't shown before. It took us out of a lot of things we wanted to do defensively and really gave us some problems.

"The first 15 plays they had the ball, we were still scrambling and trying to adjust. After that, they didn't do much in terms of moving the ball. So, for three quarters, I thought our defense played very well.

"I haven't seen the film of the Kansas State-Missouri game yet and I'm anxious to do so. It will be interesting to see how much intensity Missouri had. I'm hopeful that Missouri was in one of their valleys instead of at one of their peaks. They've had a tendency to be that kind of a team." ♦

Wildcat Depth Chart

KSU OFFENSE

SE: 86 Gerald Alphin, 6-3, 213, sr.; 30 James Witherspoon, 5-7, 149, sr.
LT: 71 Tim Stone, 6-6, 296, sr.; 60 Matt Garver, 6-4, 266, so.
LG: 53 Jerry Poole, 6-3, 272, sr.; 50 Andy Harding, 6-3, 244, sr.
C: 56 Rob Goode, 6-2, 230, fr.; 51 Charles Sander, 6-2, 280, jr.
RG: 63 Bob Bessert, 6-2, 273, jr.; 61 Brian Curry, 6-2, 249, fr.
RT: 74 Rockey Dvorak, 6-5, 279, jr.; 79 Dana Dimel, 6-4, 282, jr.
TE: 45 John Stonner, 6-2, 212, jr.; 80 Kent Dean, 6-4, 224, so.
QB: 7 John Welch, 6-1, 203, jr.; 5 Randy Williams, 6-2, 206, so.
FB: 24 Ray Wilson, 6-1, 206, so.; 32 Greg Strahm, 6-3, 233, sr.
TB: 26 John Kendrick, 6-11, 210, sr.; 20 Dimitrie Scott, 6-0, 180, fr.
FL: 25 Mark Wentzel, 5-9, 175, fr.; 8 Todd Elder, 6-3, 233, so.

KSU DEFENSE

LE: 93 Jeffery Hurd, 6-2, 246, jr.; 78 Jim Oehm, 6-2, 235, fr.
LT: 77 Les Miller, 6-7, 266, jr.; 75 Curtis Hughes, 6-2, 264, jr.
RT: 99 Renneth Reed, 6-2, 262, sr.; 97 George Fowler, 6-3, 247, jr.
RE: 98 Kevin Humphrey, 6-3, 238, jr.; 97 Troy Adams, 6-3, 227, jr.
LB: 58 Tim MacDonald, 6-3, 234, so.; 57 Scott White, 6-2, 225, so.
LB: 95 David Wallace, 6-1, 214, so.; 47 Dwayne Castille, 6-0, 223, so.
KAT: 15 Andy Schrag, 6-11, 184, fr.; 16 Kenneth Anderson, 6-0, 179, so.
LC: 4 Brad Lambert, 5-10, 175, so.; 44 Craig Christlieb, 5-10, 185, fr.
SS: 48 Brent Cotton, 6-3, 205, so.; 26 Jack Epps, 6-0, 195, sr.
FS: 37 Barton Hundley, 5-11, 187, sr.; 13 Pat Hall, 6-0, 182, sr.
RC: 17 David Ast, 6-0, 191, sr.; 2 Tim Jackson, 6-1, 188, fr.

SPECIALISTS

K: 1 Mark Porter, 6-0, 186, fr.; 14 Matt Jacobs, 5-11, 197, jr.
P: 21 Troy Faunce, 6-2, 185, jr.; 14 Matt Jacobs, 5-11, 197, jr.

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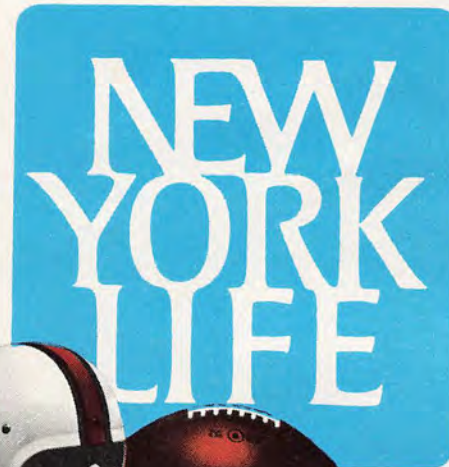
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